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Kuwait slashes budget deficit

KUWAIT, Nov 7, (Agencies): Kuwait said today higher oil revenue and belt-tightening had slashed its 1987-88 budget deficit to KD779 million (\$2.8 billion), the lowest for three years and just over half the planned figure.

Finance Minister Jassem Mohammed Al Khorafi told a news conference this meant more money would go to the reserve fund for future generations, a nest-egg for the 21st century largely invested in foreign stocks and bonds.

Kuwait, one of the world's largest investors, allocates 10 per cent of revenues to the fund every year.

Khorafi said revenue for the fiscal year ending last June totalled KD2.25 billion (\$8 billion) and expenditure KD2.80 billion (\$10 billion) not including the fund contributions.

Recovery

The deficit had been forecast to reach KD1.4 billion (\$5 billion), about the same as in 1986-87.

A major reason for the lower deficit was the recovery of world oil prices in 1987 after a crash in 1986. The average price of oil, Kuwait's main source of revenue, during the year



Khorafi

exceeded the projected \$15 a barrel.

Khorafi said the government had also sought to rationalise spending without affecting basic services and people on limited incomes.

He said that levying of some fees on services offered by the state to the public is not aimed at generating money as much as it targets rationalising expenditure and protecting state funds against uncalculated spending.

"It is illogical," the official said, "to continue to offer free services without the citizen sharing in the financial obligations. A

time schedule should be worked out (on charges to be levied) without affecting the low-income group."

He said persistent deficits sustained since oil prices which plummeted in 1982 endangered the government's reserves.

"Continuing budget deficits will be a danger to the general reserve because they will bring us to the stage where we are forced to cover the deficit from the reserve," he said.

Kuwait's reserves, estimated by bankers at about \$80 billion, include both the reserve fund and a general reserve.

The reserve fund cannot be touched until the next century. The general reserve, worth about KD9 billion (\$32 billion), includes loans to Arab and Third World countries which cannot be recalled quickly, bankers say.

Kuwait financed the 1987-88 deficit for the first time by issuing treasury bills and bonds worth a total of KD1.4 billion (\$5 billion) to local financial institutions.

Borrowing

Khorafi said a committee headed by the Central Bank governor had been formed to study ways of developing the general reserve.

He also said the government was considering a new law to tie future borrowing to the actual,

instead of the projected deficit.

He did not elaborate on the government's borrowing plans for the current 1988-89 fiscal year, when the deficit is projected to reach KD1.35 billion (\$4.8 billion).

Khorafi said 1987-88 oil revenues were worth KD265 million (\$946 million) more than the projected KD1.73 billion (\$6.2 billion).

Khorafi praised efforts by government departments and ministries to realise the savings and stressed the policy of continued rationalised public spending and optimum use of state resources.

Projects

About the role of the private sector in the budget, Khorafi said that though certain projects cannot be undertaken by this sector, "there is nothing to hinder consideration of offering the chance to the private sector to contribute to some services rendered by the state."

Defending the government's acquisition of shares of local companies, the official said it was aimed at restoring economic stability and improving the companies' overall performance. Complete privatisation of these companies is not probable until after stability of the market is ensured, he said.

RAWALPINDI, Nov 7, (Agencies): Political rivals accused the Pakistan People's Party, led by Benazir Bhutto, of human rights abuses at a large rally yesterday as the nation's election campaign moved into high gear.

Benazir, 35, disputed the allegations and said her party represented Pakistan's "oppressed" people and stood for "justice and equality for all" in the Nov. 16 elections.

She inherited the party's leadership after her father, former Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, was overthrown by the Army, then elected in 1979 after he was accused of killing another politician.

She was criticised on the campaign trail by rivals, Nawaz Sharif—acting Chief Minister of Punjab and Ghulam Mustafa Jatoi, chief of the National Peoples Party and a leader of nine moderate-to-rightist parties called the Islamic Democratic Alliance (IDA).

The alliance includes the Pakistan Muslim League led by former Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo.

Suspended

Jatoi yesterday told an estimated 100,000 at an alliance rally not to forget "the reign of terror which Ali Bhutto let loose in Pakistan" during his seven-year rule, which began in Dec 1971.

"Politicians were murdered, women kidnapped, cabinet ministers beaten up, and human rights remained largely suspended during that period," charged Jatoi, a politician from Sindh.

"Don't bring that rule of terror back by voting" for Benazir, he told the rally.

Sharif devoted most of his speech at the rally to denounce the Bhutto family.

Sharif, one of the mainstays of the IDA said "We will defeat these ill-intentioned people, so they will go back to where they were raised and educated." Benazir was educated at US and British universities.

Blamed

"There was a period in this country when anyone who spoke against the government was crucified," he said, referring to the rule of Bhutto.

"When they lost power, they started hijacking planes. Now they want to hijack our nuclear programme."

Benazir's brothers Murtaza and the late Shah Nawaz were the leaders of a guerrilla group called the National Front, blamed by the government for the 1981 hijacking of a Pakistani airliner.

Her mother Nusrat, who is standing in the elections, was quoted by a magazine as saying Pakistan's top-secret nuclear research plant at Kahuta should be opened for US inspection.

Nusrat Bhutto has denied making the remarks.

But Benazir countered her rivals' claims during appearances at public rallies yesterday in Jacobabad, Jhatpat, Shikarpur, Madheji and Lakhi.

Oppressed

She said her party "represents the oppressed people of Pakistan."

"My party believes in justice and equality for all," she added. "A new era of fair play and justice will dawn on Nov 16 and the days of excesses against the poor will come to an end."

She promised to create job opportunities for the unemployed and to distribute government-owned land among farmers who don't own any land.

600 reported killed in Chinese earthquake

BEIJING, Nov 7, (Agencies): A powerful earthquake just inside China's mountainous southern border killed 600 people, two official radio stations reported today.

The China International Broadcasting station, also known as Radio Beijing, and the Peoples' Central Broadcasting station quoted a single reporter near the quake site as giving the death toll.

Radio Beijing also quoted the reporter, Hu Jiaqi, as saying most of the dead were in the small village of Shanmiao in Yunnan province, and that the village was nearly wiped out.

Hu's account could not immediately be independently confirmed. Beijing Radio said earlier that 600 people were killed or injured in the earthquake yesterday that measured

7.6 on the Richter scale. Dozens of aftershocks continued through today, with the strongest registering 7.2.

Sparsely

The State Seismology Bureau in Beijing, which earlier reported 18 killed and 54 injured, said it had no new figures. The official Xinhua news agency reported at least 37 were dead and more than 100 injured.

Telephone service was cut off to the affected region in Yunnan province near the Burmese border. The area is sparsely inhabited by farmers, many of them from the Lahu and Va minorities who speak their own languages and live in simple wood, mud-and-mud houses.

The reported death toll, if accurate, would make the earthquake China's worst since the 1978 tremor that killed 242,000

people in the northeastern city of Tangshan. That quake measured 7.8 on the Richter scale.

Yunnan authorities ordered an airlift of food, medicine and other relief supplies, as roads to the affected area were impassable. Yunnan's foreign affairs office said that doctors and Yunnan Governor He Zhiqiang were travelling to the scene.

Ordered

The Communist Party central committee ordered a delegation led by state councillor Song Jian to visit the quake site to oversee rescue work, Xinhua said. It said Premier Li Peng issued a statement expressing sympathy and concern for the victims.

The quake was centred in Yunnan's Lancang and Menglian counties, about 390 kilometres (240 miles) southwest of the provincial capital of Kunming.



Dukakis with his wife Kitty (picture left) and Bush with his wife Barbara (picture right) during the campaign. (Reuters wirephoto)

Bush holds strong but dwindling lead over Dukakis

WASHINGTON, Nov 7, (Reuters): The long presidential campaign wound down its final weekend in a flurry of rallies and political invective in the West with polls showing Republican George Bush still holding a strong, but dwindling lead over Democrat Michael Dukakis.

Despite predictions of victory by a wide margin in the vital electoral vote, Bush seemed shaky, telling audiences in California if his opponent could not stand the heat of an electoral campaign "he should get the hell out of the kitchen."

Dukakis discounted the polls, saying on US television: "We still have two very important days ahead of us."

Worried

He asserted, "it isn't the poll numbers I'm worried about at this point, it's the decisions that many people are going to make between now and when they go into the polling booths."

He had started his day by telling a rally in Westminster, Colorado, "I smell victory in the air."

Anglo-Iranian talks

NICOSIA, Nov 7, (Reuters): An Iranian delegation left for Vienna today to resume talks with British officials on restoring full diplomatic relations, Tehran Radio reported.

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HH the Amir sent a cable of congratulations to Gorbachev on the occasion of the Bolshevik revolution anniversary. HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah sent a similar message to Soviet Premier Nikolai Ryzhkov.

Bush campaign strategists said their man had a virtually unassailable lead in the state-by-state electoral votes that will actually produce the winner — a conclusion backed up by a variety of independent surveys.

The candidates' wives also joined the fray.

Kitty Dukakis, at a rally in Tacoma, Washington, accused Bush of lying. "On Nov 8, the American people will say no to that strategy," she predicted.

Planned

Barbara Bush defended her husband, telling a television interview: "I think we've run a wonderful campaign, and I'm really proud of it."

Both candidates set their eyes on the Midwest today where the big electoral vote states of Ohio, Michigan and Illinois are generally rated too close to call.

Bush appeared ahead in all three states, which account for 67 of the 270 electoral votes needed to win the election, but Dukakis seemed within striking distance there.

Both men were to stump in Ohio today and Bush planned to visit Michigan as well.

Some polls say Dukakis has gained ground in the popular vote and an NBC/Wall Street Journal poll, completed on Saturday, said the Democrat was just five percentage points behind Bush.

But surveys by ABC/Washington Post, CNN/USA today, and the Gallup poll put Bush's lead in the 10-to-12 point range. More importantly, a number of surveys said Bush had an enormous electoral vote advantage.

The Washington Post said Bush had a clear edge or was leading in 33 states with 313 electoral votes, while Dukakis held the lead in just six states and the district of Columbia with 74 electoral votes.

Eleven states with 161 electoral votes were too close to call, the Post said.

Under the indirect US system, the winner of the popular vote in a state takes all of that state's electoral votes. Altogether there are 538 electoral votes.

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Falaka: 32°C 90°F

Minimum temperatures recorded:

Kuwait: 17°C 63°F

Ahmad: 21°C 70°F

Falaka: 20°C 68°F

Maximum temperatures expected:

Kuwait: 29°C 84°F

Ahmad: 27°C 81°F

Falaka: 28°C 82°F

Maximum humidity recorded:

Kuwait: 100 per cent

Ahmad: 72 per cent

Falaka: 78 per cent

Maximum humidity expected:

Kuwait: 100 per cent

Ahmad: 74 per cent

Falaka: 80 per cent

Maldives returning to normal

Mercenary ship sinks

MALE, Nov 7, (Reuters): A cargo ship in which mercenaries tried to escape from the Maldives after a failed coup attempt sank in the Indian Ocean today, three days after it was hit by Indian naval gunfire, a Maldivian official said.

Nobody was aboard the 5,000-tonne Progress Light when it went down 55 miles off Sri Lanka because the mercenaries had surrendered on Sunday to Indian naval commandos who dropped from helicopters on to the freighter.

But the Press Trust of India (PTI) news agency said naval forces were still pursuing a second vessel carrying mercenaries.

Major Muhammad Zahir, a Maldivian security official, said Indian rocket-propelled grenades struck the Progress Light, seized by mercenaries trying to topple President Maumoon Abdul Gayoom, on Friday as it left Male, the Maldivian capital.

The mercenaries seized 27 hostages after failing in their brief, bloody attempt to take control of the Maldives, a republic of about

200,000 people. Four hostages were killed and three are missing.

Indian state television showed an Indian naval commander saying his ship had fired depth charges and light guns at the Progress Light, which had caught fire and sunk.

Indian naval sources said the 46 mercenaries, 20 surviving hostages and ship's crew had been taken on to the Indian frigate Godavari which was heading for Male. The mercenaries were being interrogated aboard the frigate.

Indian television showed the alleged leader of the coup attempt, Abdullah Luthfi, denying that he had been in control.

The PTI quoted naval sources as saying a second ship, named as the Japanese-registered cargo vessel Dolphin, was being chased by Indian helicopters and ships and Maldivian Coastguards.

The agency said it was suspected of carrying 100 more mercenaries.

In Male, shops were beginning to reopen and people were coming out of their homes.



I'm no longer in charge, says Deng

PEKING, Nov 7, (Reuters): Deng Xiaoping, at 84 still regarded as China's most influential leader, said today he was no longer in charge and had passed the reins of power to Communist Party chief Zhao Ziyang and Premier Li Peng.

"In China today, those in charge are Zhao Ziyang and Li Peng. I only look into a few matters," the official New China News Agency quoted Deng as telling visiting Uruguayan President Julio Sanguinetti at a meeting in the Great Hall of the People.

Western diplomatic sources quoted Deng as adding that his career was "in its sunset."

Progress

He told Sanguinetti China's progress in the past 10 years — the period of his rule, marked by pragmatic economic reforms — had been "gratifying" and national policies generally correct, the agency reported.

There had been minor errors and shortcomings but no major mistakes.

The display of military hardware, lasting about five minutes, was one of the shortest and featured only 15 types of vehicles, two fewer than last year. In what the official Soviet news agency Tass cited as a sign of Kremlin commitment to arms control, there were no strategic missile carriers.

The speech by Defence Minister Dmitry Yazov from atop the red and black granite

Sikh radicals kill Army general

CHANDIGARH, Nov 7, (AP): Sikh gunmen shot and killed an Indian Army general in Punjab today after five days of Sikh separatist violence left at least 78 people dead in the north Indian state, police said.

Maj. Gen. B.N. Kumar, a Hindu, was shot in the head by two Sikh gunmen as he left his home in Chandigarh to go to his office, a police spokesman said.

The assailants, waiting in a

car, fired 40 to 45 rounds and escaped, said the spokesman who under standing regulations is not identified.

Kumar, 56, was on deputation from the Army to the Bhakra Beas management board, which overlooks the work of the Bhakra Nangal Dam. The dam, one of the largest in the world, is situated in the neighbouring Himachal Pradesh state, but it provides irrigation water for a vast area of Punjab.

Portraits

But in apparent keeping with Gorbachev's reforms the slogans which thousands of civilians brandished afterwards in organised demonstrations concentrated on economic achievements and calls for peace.

Gone completely were the portraits of the country's leaders which had been common under

the late President Leonid Brezhnev. Where once there were anti-American slogans, now there were US and Soviet flags side by side.

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mausoleum was also in line with the Kremlin's "new thinking". He endorsed co-operation with the West to preserve peace and solve world problems.

Alarmed

"The new political thinking, based on the priority of common human interests ... finds ever-growing understanding and support among the world public and the leaders of many states," General Yazov declared.

In a rare note of discord local Russians in Estonia, alarmed at a revival in Estonian national feeling which has been backed by

local communists, carried banners criticising Republican Party leader Vaino Valjas, Estonian sources said.

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INTERNATIONAL

Street protests greet choice of new Sultan in Nigeria

LAGOS, Nov 7. (Reuters): Street protests broke out in the northern Nigerian city of Sokoto yesterday after the selection of a new spiritual leader for millions of Muslims, newspapers reported today.

Crowds chanting "Bamu so" meaning "We don't want" in the

Hausa language, greeted the news that millionaire Ibrahim Dasuki had become the 18th Sultan of Sokoto, the government-owned New Nigerian and other leading dailies said in reports from the city.

Dasuki's appointment to the most revered traditional title for

Nigerian Muslims, who say they account for about half the country's 100 million people, ended several days of confusion about the sultanate. But it was unclear today in Lagos, 1,000 kms (625 miles) to the south, whether order had been restored in Sokoto.

The local assistant commissioner of police told Reuters to contact the Sokoto state military governor's office.

"I am not in a position to comment," the senior policeman said in a telephone interview.

Dasuki's appointment rever-

sed an unofficial announcement last Thursday that Mohammed Maccido had succeeded his late father. Sir Siddiq Abubakar died on Tuesday aged 85 after 50 years as head of the Sokoto caliphate founded in 1804 by the Islamic warrior and teacher, Usman Dan Fodio.

Reform electoral system: Herzog

Israeli soldier stabbed to death

MASSUA, West Bank, Nov 7. (Reuters): A Palestinian stabbed to death an Israeli soldier in the occupied West Bank today before being chased and shot dead himself, an Army spokesman said.

The soldier was guarding the Jewish settlement of Massua in the Jordan valley about four km (three miles) from the Jordanian border when he was stabbed.

Another soldier and a resident of Massua chased and shot dead the attacker, the spokesman said.

It was the second attack on Israelis in eight days. Palestinians threw a petrol bomb at an Israeli bus last week, killing a woman and her three children.

Residents said the Palestinian, Ahmed Hussein Abdulla Basharat, 21, pulled out a knife and stabbed the guard, Rabat David Danielli, several times after being ordered to show his identity card.

Frustration

An Army reservist saw the stabbing, grabbed his gun, and shot Basharat who cried "Allah u Akbar" (God is great) before dying.

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin flew to the scene and told reporters the stabbing was motivated by "personal frustration and nationalism" adding: "I don't think he came here with the intention to murder."

Basharat's employer, who asked not to be identified, said the Palestinian had come to Massua to seek \$110 owed him for 10 days work. He described Basharat as a religious extremist.

The soldier was the 11th Israeli to die in a nearly 11-month Palestinian uprising against Israeli military rule in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. At least 317 Palestinians have been killed in the violence.

Urged

In a separate development, President Chaim Herzog urged Israel's two major parties today to form a temporary unity government to reform an electoral system that often gives small religious parties the balance of power, politicians said.

But after Herzog made the proposal, officials from both the rightist Likud and centre-left Labour parties said such a government was not realistic and pledged to continue efforts to form narrow-based coalitions.

By law Herzog must designate the candidate with the broadest support in Parliament to form the government. He will consult all the parties this week before making a decision.

Labour and small left-wing parties won 49 seats out of 120 in the Israeli parliament in the Nov 1 election.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Typhoon Skip

MANILA, Nov 7. (AP): Typhoon Skip hit the central Philippine islands today with 175-kilometre per-hour winds. Storm warnings were posted in Manila as the capital braced for the second typhoon in two weeks.

Mudslides and flooding from torrential rains forced thousands of people to evacuate their homes, and high waves sank a freighter in port.

Skip came ashore early today on Samar Island, about 655 kilometres southeast of Manila, and was heading northwest at 22 kilometres per hour, the government weather service said.

Jane's security

LONDON, Nov 7. (AP): The publishers of Jane's Defence Books today expanded the reference series with a new volume on riot control, counter-insurgency weapons and equipment to detect and protect against terrorist assaults.

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Ringo Starr

LONDON, Nov 7. (Reuters): Ex-Beatle Ringo Starr and his actress wife Barbara Bach are being treated for alcoholism in a US clinic, according to former Beatles spokesman Derek Taylor.

Strikes hit Britain

LONDON, Nov 7. (Reuters): Thousands of civil servants disrupted government services today with strikes and mass rallies to protest against the dismissal of four intelligence workers who defied a union membership ban.

Several ports, prisons, courts and post offices had to operate with skeleton staff as state employees walked off the job to support a 27-hour strike called by Britain's two biggest civil servants' unions.

At least 80 per cent of the government's social security offices were closed.

The stoppage, backed by the opposition Labour Party, is the latest action in a four-year-old union row with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government.

The four workers were dismissed from Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ) in Cheltenham because they refused to comply with a government ban on union membership enforced on security grounds in 1984.

Ten killed in French train crash

EPERNAY, France, Nov 7. (AP): A Luxembourg-Paris express train struck a maintenance wagon today in a small village station in northeastern France, derailing the locomotive and seven passenger cars and killing 10 people, officials said.

The train, carrying about 400 passengers, crashed as it was passing through Ay, a village just outside Epernay about 85 miles (140 kilometres) east of Paris.

Officials at the prefecture in Epernay said in a statement that 10 people were killed, including eight railroad employees working on track maintenance.

Six people were taken to the local hospital for treatment, and four others were less seriously injured, they said.

Transport Minister Michel Delebarre and the head of the national railroad, Jean Costet, rushed to the scene.

The accident was the third fatal train crash of the year in France. An incoming train crashed into a stopped train on June 27 at the Gare de Lyon station in Paris, killing 56 people. On Aug 6, one person died when a train crashed into a barrier at the Gare de L'est in Paris.

King Hassan offers clemency

RABAT, Nov 7. (Reuters): Morocco's King Hassan renewed last night his offer to forgive what he called misguided Polisario foes fighting for independence of the Western Sahara under Moroccan control.

"I tell those who have goodwill and in their veins even a drop of blood which binds them to Morocco that the country is merciful and forgiving," he said in a radio and television broadcast.

The King, who did not mention the Polisario by name, was marking the anniversary of a "Green March" by 350,000 unarmed civilians sent into the Sahara by the king to pressure Spain into giving up her mineral-rich colony 13 years ago.

The king reiterated in his speech that a proposed UN-sponsored referendum on the territory's future would "confirm our centuries-old rights."

Speculation

CAPE TOWN, Nov 7. (Reuters): Speculation that Nelson Mandela, the world's best known political prisoner, would be freed today spiralled to dizzy heights but was deflated within hours.

Sakharov arrives in US

BOSTON, Nov 7. (Reuters): Soviet human rights campaigner Andrei Sakharov began his first trip to the United States by remembering dissidents who he said are still being silenced.

Sakharov, 67, made it clear when he arrived last night that he has not stopped his criticism of the Soviet Union's treatment of dissidents.

"I feel it is my duty at this moment to remember" the many others still being punished in the Soviet Union for their dissidence, the Nobel peace laureate told reporters through an interpreter.

He is due to give a news conference today with colleagues in

the International Fund for the Development and Survival of Humanity, a new private organisation working on disarmament, environmental and human rights issues.

During Sakharov's three-week visit, his first trip to the West, he will see relatives near Boston and attend a Washington conference for the fund.

Two years after his own internal exile in the closed city of Gorky ended, the nuclear physicist told reporters on his arrival he would only make a brief statement, saying he was grateful for the chance to travel to the United States.

4 sisters commit suicide

NEW DELHI, Nov 7. (AP): Four sisters in southern India committed suicide because they were afraid their father could not raise enough money for their dowries, Indian news agencies reported yesterday.

The sisters hanged themselves with their sarees from the ceiling of their home in Alappulli in the state of Kerala on Friday, the United News of India and the Press Trust of India reported.

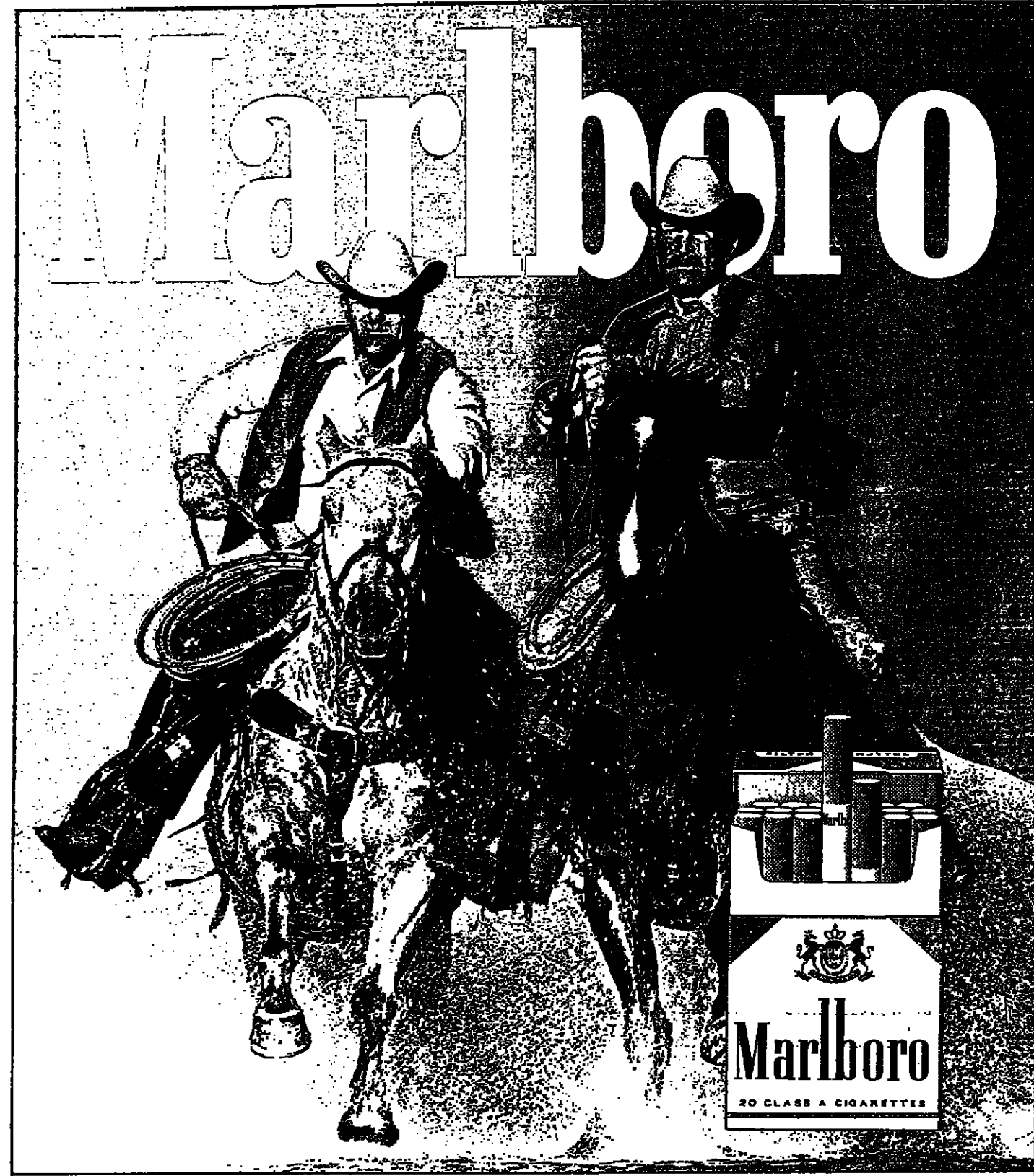
The four young women were worried about the financial problems their father, a police constable, had after providing a

dowry for his eldest sister, the news agencies said.

The sisters — aged 25, 23, 21 and 18 — took their lives while their father was away on duty and their mother was working in the family's rice paddy, according to the reports.

Last February, three sisters between the ages of 18 and 22 hanged themselves because of dowry problems in the northern state of Uttar Pradesh.

Although India outlawed dowries in 1962, the practice of paying the groom's family is still widespread.



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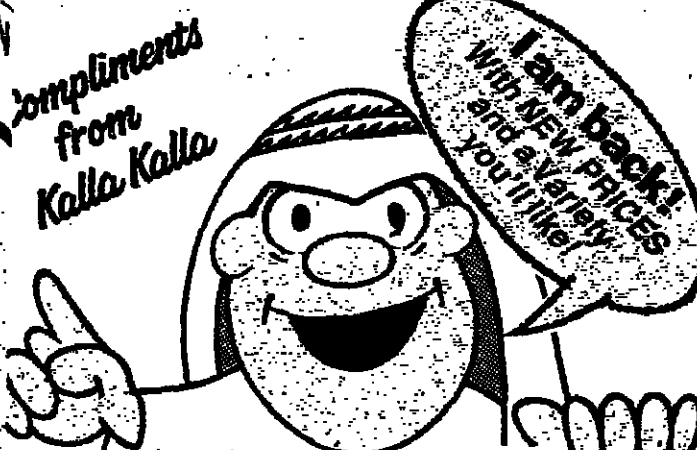
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INTERNATIONAL

Gandhi reinstated as lawyer

LONDON, Nov 7, (AP): Forty years after his death, Indian political leader Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi was reinstated Sunday as a lawyer by the Legal Society in London that disbanded him in 1922, a member of the society said.

Gandhi, who protested the actions of India's British colonial government with a campaign of passive resistance, was arrested and imprisoned in India several times in the 1920s.

As a result, he was disbanded in 1922 by the Inner Temple, one of the four Inns of Court with exclusive right to call lawyers to the English Bar.

Sunday was the 100th anniversary of the start of young Gandhi's legal career at the Inner Temple, and Patrick Sheehan of the Legal Society said the posthumous reinstatement indicated a changed point of view.

"I believe people weren't used to the idea of the revolting dominions, colonies, seeking their independence in that way," Sheehan said.

"With the passage of history, we're now seeing a different view and viewpoint which I believe is well summed up in this form of reconciliation which has now occurred in particular regard to this famous man."

60,000 Iranian volunteers killed in war

NICOSIA, Nov 7, (Reuters): Iran has said that 60,000 members of its basij volunteer force were killed during the eight-year war with Iraq — almost half its total number of military dead.

Mohammad Ali Rahmani, head of the basij unit in the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps, said four million basij volunteers served at the war front "offering 60,000 martyrs during eight years of sacred defence."

Rahmani was quoted by the Iranian news agency IRNA, which reported in September that 123,200 Iranian military personnel were killed in the war and 11,000 civilians died in air attacks.

The basij and other Revolutionary Guard units bore the brunt of the fighting. The regular Army, purged of its senior officers after the downfall of the Shah in 1979, was often relegated to a supporting role.

The basij frequently spearheaded the near-suicidal "human wave" attacks which characterised many Iranian offensives early in the war.

Newhouse dies

NEW ORLEANS, Nov 7, (AP): Norman N. Newhouse, who helped build the world's largest privately held communications empire, including 26 newspapers across the United States, died yesterday after a long illness. He was 82.

Funeral services were to be held on Wednesday in New York city.

Abu Nidal group denies holding Belgian doctor

French girls to be freed soon

BEIRUT, Nov 7, (AP): The Palestinian faction led by Abu Nidal said it was taking "positive steps" to free two French girls held captive nearly a year. It also disassociated itself from the disappearance of a Belgian doctor.

The girls, Marie-Laure, 6, and Virginie, 5, and their mother, Jacqueline Valente, 30, were among five Belgian and three French captives seized by guerrillas from the French yacht Silko last Nov 8 off the occupied Gaza Strip.

"Our movement asserts that it has taken positive steps to free the two girls, Marie-Laure and Virginie, who are getting all care and attention and are in good health," the Fatah-Revolutionary Council said.

The statement was released in Beirut.

The Belgians are Emmanuel

Houtekins, 42; his wife Godelieve Kets; his son Laurent, 17; his daughter Valerie, 16, and his brother Fernand, 40.

Abu Nidal's group is wanted by Western governments for a string of terrorist attacks.

There was a bid to secure the girls' release last April when Lucien Bitterlin, a former French Gaullist parliament deputy, visited Beirut. But the kidnappers said their mother refused to allow them to go.

The Palestinian faction has said the eight were Jews working for the Israeli secret service. But the Belgian and French governments have said the captives are all Roman Catholics.

Denial

The faction on Sunday disassociated itself from the May 21 kidnapping of Belgian physician Jan Cools. The group accused

Belgian authorities of succumbing to Israeli allegations that he was held by the Abu Nidal faction.

The statement said an unidentified Lebanese faction was holding him.

"Dr Jan Cools is held by a Lebanese group which said it has not concluded its investigation with him," the statement said.

Ransom

Cools, 32, disappeared after leaving his apartment in the Rashidiyah Palestinian refugee camp near the southern port of Tyre. He had worked in the camp with a Norwegian humanitarian group, Norwac, for three months.

Police said they had no information on his disappearance. But a group that runs the camp said in May that Cools was kidnapped by unidentified gunmen

at a road junction near Tyre. It gave no details.

There were recent reports in Beirut that the faction holding Cools was asking for \$5 million ransom to free him, but neither the police nor the Belgian embassy could confirm that.

French mediator Lucien Bitterlin, president of the French Arab Solidarity Association, made several trips to Lebanon in response to an FRC request to negotiate the release of the hostages. His efforts yielded no results.

It accused Israeli intelligence of misleading the Belgian authorities and of diverting their attention from the hostage issue.

The statement came hours after Israeli helicopters raided FRC bases in south Lebanon and police reported a child was killed.

National pact signed in Tunisia

TUNIS, Nov 7, (Reuters): Tunisian politicians marked President Zine Al Abidine Ben Ali's first anniversary in power today by signing a national pact enshrining the principle of multiparty democracy.

The leaders of Tunisia's six recognised parties, as well as trade unionists and a representative of the unrecognised Islamic Tendency Movement (MTI), put their signatures to the 14-page document at Ben Ali's palace in the suburb of Carthage.

The President attended the ceremony but it was the secretary-general of the ruling Rassemblement Constitutionnel Democratique, Abderrahim Zouari, who signed on his behalf.

Ben Ali deposed Habib Bourguiba, Tunisia's president for more than 30 years, on Nov 7, 1987, on the grounds of senility.

The national pact, which all the parties have been helping to draft since September, says, "The state must guarantee basic freedoms such as ... the freedom to form associations and political parties, provided these freedoms are practiced within the scope of the law."

"The only restrictions the law should impose should be to guarantee the fundamentals of a democratic society, public security and the rights of others," it adds.

Third top communist leader held in Manila

MANILA, Nov 7, (AP): The third-ranking communist rebel leader was captured at Manila airport, where he may have been planning to board a flight for Los Angeles under an assumed name, officials announced today.

President Corason Aquino said Sunday's capture of Ignacio Capesgan, whom the military described as deputy secretary-general of the banned Communist Party of the Philippines, showed her government was winning the 19-year-old Marxist insurgency.

Brig. Gen. Alexander Aguirre, capital regional commander, said Capesgan was captured Sunday afternoon in the parking lot of Ninoy Aquino international airport.

His wife, Crestita, was arrested today during a raid on their Quezon city home in which police seized weapons, a personal computer and bank books for accounts totalling 1.5 million pesos (\$75,000), officials said.

Planned

Capesgan, 42, told reporters at a police station he had gone to the airport to see off his father-in-law, Lorenzo Mercado, who was on his way to California.

Capesgan denied he planned to leave the country.

Capt. Florentino Angeles, who made the arrest, said Capesgan dropped off his wife and father-in-law at the departure terminal and then drove his car to a nearby parking lot, where he was taken into custody.

Angeles said police were simply speculating that Capesgan intended to fly to California too because there was no other explanation for parking the car. Access to the terminal is limited to ticketed passengers.

Military officials have claimed rebel representatives are raising funds among Filipino expatriate communities abroad to finance their insurgency.

Prisoners try to break open the gate

12 die as commandos storm Colombo jail

COLOMBO, Nov 7, (Reuters): Twelve prisoners died today when police commandos stormed a Sri Lankan jail whose inmates had briefly seized it, police and hospital sources said.

Ten of the prisoners died as about 20 commandos with guns blazing regained control of Welikade jail in Colombo and two others died in hospital.

About 25 other prisoners were wounded and 10 of them were in serious condition, the hospital sources said.

Prison employees said the commandos surprised the 1,500 rioting inmates by getting in at the back of the prison.

Incident

"We heard shots and after 30 minutes it was apparently over because the Army and police later came in. The prisoners were on their own in the compound for about two hours before that," said one employee.

Senior military officials and the prison superintendent declined to comment on the incident.

Inmates at Welikade have either been convicted or are on remand for rape, murder and other serious crimes.

Shootout

BEIRUT, Nov 7, (AP): A Fijian soldier of the United Nations peacekeeping force in South Lebanon was wounded in a shootout today with Shiite Muslim militiamen, UN sources said.

They said the peacekeeper suffered two bullet wounds in the chest fired from an Ak-47 automatic rifle. He was shot in a 20-minute firefight with six gunmen of the Amal militia.

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Stalled peace talks resume

GENEVA, Nov 7, (Reuters): Iran and Iraq today embark on a second week of talks aimed at securing a permanent peace settlement but with their positions on key issues still wide apart.

UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, who returned to New York at the weekend after chairing a week of apparently fruitless negotiations, said before leaving he had told his representative to report to him no later than Nov 16.

Needed

This gives Sweden's UN envoy Jan Eliasson, who is scheduled to chair a full ministerial session in the afternoon, little over a week in which to achieve progress on a troop withdrawal and an exchange of prisoners.

Despite a warning from Perez de Cuellar that the Aug 20

ceasefire was fragile and that concessions were needed the two countries appear entrenched in their positions on these two key issues.

Iraq has suggested an immediate release and repatriation of an estimated 100,000 prisoners of war (POWs), saying this was a pressing humanitarian issue which should be considered separately from the peace talks.

Iran has responded by saying it is ready to repatriate some 1,500 wounded POWs but has refused a major exchange until Iraq withdraws its troops from occupied Iranian territory.

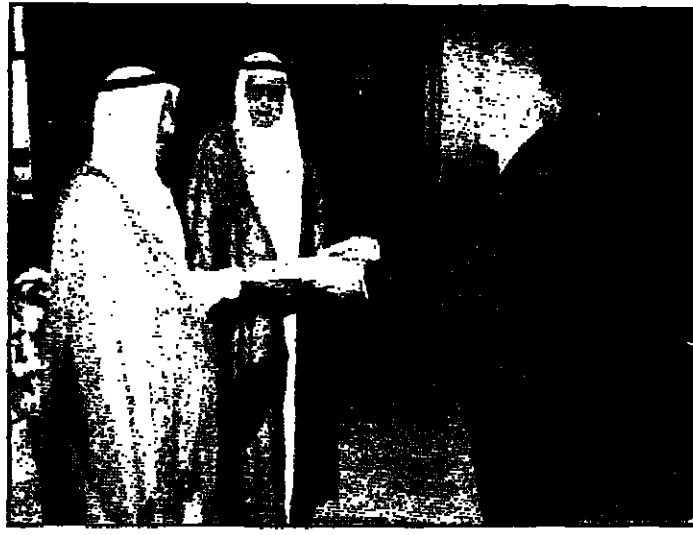
"Withdrawal is the key element for progress," Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati told reporters before yesterday's one-day break in the talks.

The troop withdrawal and POW issues emerged as the latest obstacles to success in the negotiations which began on Aug 25, five days after a UN-brokered ceasefire ended eight years of fighting.

The two sides clashed early in the talks on Iraq's demand that the Shatt Al Arab waterway, its only access to the sea, be cleared of war debris and made navigable again.

Iran maintains that any dredging must take place under the provisions of a 1975 treaty which split sovereignty over the waterway.

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein tore up the treaty shortly before sending his troops into Iran in September 1980. Tehran says the treaty was repudiated unilaterally and is still valid.



Acting Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Jaber receiving a copy of the credentials of the new Hungarian ambassador to Kuwait.

Sheikh Saad visits Arab training centre

RIYADH, Nov 7, (KUNA): Kuwaiti Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah today visited the Arab Centre for Security Studies and Training here.

Sheikh Saad was received by the head of the centre, Dr Farouq Murad, who accompanied the Crown Prince during his tour of the centre's various sections.

Earlier in the day Sheikh Saad saw an air show organised by King Faisal's Air College.

He was welcomed by Prince Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz, second deputy premier and defence and aviation minister, Prince Abdel Rahman Bin Abdul Aziz, deputy defence and aviation minister and other senior officials.

The airshow included various formations by Saudi Royal Air Forces' DC9, Hawk, F5, F15, Tornado, Boeing 707 jets and

AWACS.

Sheikh Saad said the skills demonstrated by Saudi pilots reflect the attention paid by King Fahd to Saudi armed forces, as well as the keenness of Prince Abdullah and Prince Sultan on providing the air forces with the most effective weaponry.

The Saudi air forces, Sheikh Saad wrote in the college's record, will offer effective support to the air forces of the Gulf Co-operation Council.

The deputy commander of the college presented Sheikh Saad with the shield of the college.

Sheikh Saad and Saudi Crown Prince, Deputy Premier and Commander of National Guards Prince Abdullah Bin Abdul Aziz attended a luncheon today held in their honour by Kuwaiti Ambassador to the kingdom Abdel Rahman Al Baker at the Twaig Palace.

British band big hit in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, Iraq, (AP): A little-known British jazz band has become the hit of Baghdad, playing open-air concerts at the city's big hotels and the international trade fair.

The six-piece Tom Collins Band from Gloucester, in south-west England, has been performing to standing ovations since it arrived in the Iraqi capital Friday, sponsored by a British firm at the trade fair.

By day, trumpeter Tom Collins and his musicians play for visitors to the fair on a stage erected amid displays of heavy British industrial machinery.

More than 2,000 firms from 62 countries are represented at the fair, the first since the Aug 20 cease-fire in the war against Iran. By night, the band plays for Baghdad's elite in luxury hotel supper clubs.

Their repertoire of tunes by Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Cannonball Adderley and other jazz giants has made them the hottest thing in the Iraqi capital as it adjusts to peace after years of war.

Collins said he started the band in Gloucester several years ago at the local jazz club. Now the band plays regularly at London's 100 Club in Oxford Street and also performs in France, the Netherlands, Sweden and the United States.

"The reception has been fantastic," Collins said. "I never thought we'd draw such huge crowds. But I suppose they haven't had much jazz lately."

Hamid Kaduri, a well-known Iraqi musician and critic, said the band's concerts "are the best popular Western music we've heard in recent years."

Undersecretary meets Americans

KUWAIT, Nov 7, (KUNA): Kuwaiti undersecretary of the Commerce and Industry Ministry Abdullah Al-Hamad today met with US Deputy Assistant Secretary of Trade Robert Pines and the director of the US Trade Bureau for Near-East Affairs Thomas Sass.

The two sides reviewed trade relations between Kuwait and the US and means of promoting them, an official source at the Ministry of Commerce said.

The source added the two US officials also met with the director of foreign commercial relations at the ministry, Bader Abdel Rahim. Bilateral trade ties were discussed.

Iranian briefs UAE on talks

ABU DHABI, Nov 7, (Reuters): Deputy Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Mohammad Besharati today briefed the United Arab Emirates (UAE) on the peace talks with Iraq, the official Emirates News Agency WAM reported.

It quoted Besharati as saying he told UAE Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Rashid Abdullah al Nuaimi about the Geneva talks and efforts to implement UN Security Council Resolution 598.

"We also discussed Gulf security and the role the regional states should play in this respect," he said.

Friendship

Besharati, who arrived in Abu Dhabi from Oman on Sunday for a three-day visit, said he will also visit Kuwait, Bahrain and Qatar.

Diplomats in the region described his tour as a gesture of friendship towards Gulf Arab states which had basically supported Baghdad during the eight year Iran-Iraq war.

French telecommunications conference, exhibit begins



Abdullah Al Sharhan opens the exhibition.

KUWAIT, Nov 7, (KUNA): Kuwaiti Minister of Communications Abdullah Al Sharhan today inaugurated a conference and exhibition on French telecommunications at the Meridien Hotel. The events will continue through Wednesday.

In his opening speech, Al Sharhan said the event is the fruit of an agreement between Kuwait and France on technical co-operation in postal and telecommunication activities.

Opportunity

"Such an occasion also comes as an opportunity for developing friendly and co-operative relations between Kuwait and France as well as enhancing the ties and interests of both countries," Al Sharhan said.

He said the conference will provide the latest information in telecommunications for his ministry and others which use telecommunication in their work.

In addition, the conference's

agenda includes space telecommunications which he described as a new subject which attracts the world's concern, he said.

The French Ambassador to Kuwait Jean Belivier told the opening session that the decision to hold the seminar in Kuwait was made by the Kuwaiti-French Joint Committee in January 1988.

Relations

"This is an occasion to stress the climate of good relations existing between our two countries and in particular between the Kuwaiti Ministry of Communications and France Telecom," Belivier said.

He said the seminar has been expanded to cover space technology with special emphasis on the future development of the "Ariane Space" launcher.

Representatives of some telecommunications institutes in the Gulf Co-operation Council states are participating in the conference.

Ministers discuss security co-operation

RIYADH, Nov 7, (KUNA): Interior ministers of the six GCC countries met here today to discuss security co-operation between their states and to co-ordinate the fight against terrorism and drug trafficking.

The ministers are holding their seventh conference since the Gulf Co-operation Council came into being in 1981. They will refer their recommendations to the ninth annual GCC summit planned for December in Bahrain.

Reports

The agenda includes reports from GCC security committees on civil defence, criminal investigations and airport security, according to conference sources.

The gathering brought together interior ministers and security officials from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates.

Saudi Interior Minister Prince Nayef Bin Abdul-Aziz, who is chairing the meetings, told his GCC counterparts in an opening

address: "Our responsibility is to provide a security situation where it will be possible to strengthen other aspects of co-operation between the GCC countries in political, economic and social areas."

Despite the stability and massive economic development in the region, the GCC countries are facing domestic and external "factors" that call for stronger co-operation between them, he said.

He did not elaborate, but was possibly referring to security disturbances in recent years related to the Iran-Iraq war which ended with a ceasefire last August.

Since 1983, many subversive bomb attacks were carried out in Kuwait while Iranian pilgrims bloodily rioted during the haj season in Saudi Arabia in 1987.

The Saudi minister added that organised crimes like drug smuggling and terrorism often have international and political facets which compound problems and call for greater co-operation.



A group of fighter pilots who graduated on Monday.

Fighter pilots graduate

KUWAIT, Nov 7, (KUNA): Two batches of Kuwaiti pilots graduated Monday after completing training courses on the Hawk and Skyhawk fighter planes.

The graduation ceremony at the Ahmed Al Jaber Air Base was attended by Defence Ministry Assistant Undersecretary Sheikh Sabah Nasser Saud Al Sabah, ranking army officers and commander of the air forces of the GCC taking part in joint manoeuvres in Kuwait.

Head of the operation department of the Ahmed Al Jaber Air Base Group Captain Youssef Al Duwayan said in an address pilots who completed the advanced training on the Skyhawk had flown during the course a total of 137 hours.

Pilots of the other batch had flown 71 hours in training on the Hawk aircraft, he said, adding that the two courses were instructed by a number of ranking Kuwaiti Air Force officers.

Accident victims need first aid

SPEAKING at a seminar organised by the Road Safety Society, Dr Nabil Riyadh of Addan Hospital said that 50 per cent of road accident victims succumb to their injuries at the site of the accident for lack of immediate first aid.

He attributed accidents to cars being driven at high speed, over-confidence by 80 per cent of drivers and reckless driving by motorists under 30 years of age.

He said 53 per cent of highway accidents involve drivers under 30 years of age.

French minister says submarine sale postponed

RIYADH, Nov 7, (AP): French Defence Minister Jean-Pierre Chevènement said on Sunday that the sale of French submarines to Saudi Arabia is under consideration but any purchase has been "postponed for the moment."

Chevènement, speaking at a news conference on the second day of a visit to the kingdom, did not elaborate. But he added that "other fields of co-operation exist."

"There are many fields for French-Saudi co-operation, but it is up to the Saudis to comment on these subjects," he said.

Chevènement arrived on Saturday at the invitation of the Saudi Defence Minister Prince Sultan amid reports that the kingdom was preparing to conclude fresh deals to boost its budding Navy by buying six to eight submarines from France.

Front-runner

France has been considered a front-runner among six western European states who submitted bids when the kingdom announced a tender for submarines more than two years ago.

France signed a naval support agreement with Saudi Arabia two years ago. The agreement included a \$3.45 billion deal for four frigates, 24 Dauphin helicopters and two Atlantique-11 maritime patrol aircraft.

In 1984, France also concluded a \$4 billion contract to supply a sophisticated anti-aircraft missile system to Saudi Arabia.

Health minister to visit Hungary and Yugoslavia

KUWAIT, Nov 7, (KUNA): Minister of Public Health Dr Abdul Razzak Youssef Al Abdul Razzak left here today for Yugoslavia and Hungary to bolster health co-operation between Kuwait and both Belgrade and Budapest.

Dr Abdul Razzak told Kuwait News Agency before his departure that he will sign an agreement on health co-operation between Kuwait and Yugoslavia with the Yugoslav Health Minister.

The agreement is aimed at strengthening and broadening health and medical co-operation between the two countries and exchanging specialists, particularly in the bone and neural surgery.

Physiotherapy

During his three-day visit to Yugoslavia the minister will tour the health centres in which Kuwaiti citizens receive treatment, particularly physiotherapy centres.

The visit to Hungary, is also aimed at fostering medical co-operation, particularly in the field of physiotherapy which Hungary is famous for.

The minister further said the high standard of medical treatment and physiotherapy in Hungary encourage Kuwait to send some Kuwaitis there to receive medical care.

He added that he will tour medical centres in Hungary to get acquainted with the standard of treatment and facilities there.

The health minister is being accompanied by Undersecretary Dr Na'el Al Naqib.

PIC plans exhibition

KUWAIT, Nov 7, (KUNA): Kuwait's Petrochemical Industries Co. (PIC) will open its two-week exhibition on the 25th anniversary of PIC's foundation on Thursday at the Buhayr Club.

The exhibition will demonstrate development since the issuance of the Amiri decree in July 23, 1963 establishing PIC.

The exhibition will also include pictures of the company's opening of its first industries on Feb 19, 1967 by HH the Amir, when he was the Crown Prince.

National products will be also displayed, including samples produced by the cement factory and salt and chlorine industries.

BAHRAIN DIGEST

Metric system mandated

THE metric system has now been applied to carpet businesses in Bahrain following a ministerial order and a one-month trial.

The metre became mandatory this week as the unit of measurement for carpet and furnishing businesses, according to the Standards and Metrology Directorate of the Ministry of Commerce and Agriculture.

There will also be just one set of prices, contrary to the previous system of having two prices of the carpet shops — one by the yard and one by the metre.

According to authorities, the new system should avoid any confusion and make things easier for both customers and the traders.

Since 1979, carpet and furnishings traders were the only businesses still using the yard as a measurement, when metric tapes became mandatory in textile shops and for land registration. The carpet businessmen were exempted because their import orders were in yards.

The directorate's inspectors have begun inspecting the carpet and furnishing businesses to enforce the metric system.

Educational centre planned

AN Educational Technology Centre will be built in Bahrain early next year.

The UNESCO-supported project will cost BD1.2 million and will be constructed in Gudaibiya.

The centre is aimed at producing modern educational aids and improving teachers' skills. Educational materials will include films, video cassettes, slides, science kits, maps and certain booklets. There will also be a specialised library.

According to Education Minister Dr Ali Fakhro, work on the project is expected to start early next year at the Al Adawiya Girls Secondary School complex and may be completed in two years.

Plans are also under way to set up a Teachers Resource Centre at the complex which will enable teachers to meet regularly for seminars, workshops and lectures by visiting experts.

UNESCO is to provide technical expertise for the construction of the project.

Investcorp plans seminar

INVESTCORP, the Bahrain-based international investment bank, will conduct a closed one-day seminar on Nov 12 at the Hilton Hotel.

The bank's shareholders, investors and prominent local businessmen will attend.

Man begins trip around the world

FUJAIRA, Nov 7, (KUNA): A citizen from the United Arab Emirates, Mahmoud Bin Yaqoub, 58, today began a tour around the world in a boat.

Mahmoud began his tour from Fujaira Port, using a 9-metre long and 3.5-metre wide metal boat.

The construction of the boat took around 30 months.

The first leg of his tour will take him to India where he will stop in Bombay Port and will then head to Sri Lanka.

The adventurer will pass through the Panama and Suez canals and will stop near the Rock of Gibraltar before his return to Fujaira.

Free press vital in Iraq, says minister

BAGHDAD, Nov 7, (Reuters): A free press is of paramount importance now that Iraq is no longer at war, Information Minister Latif Nassif Al Jassim told Iraqi journalists today.

"We have no censorship on our information, except for security sensitive issues," the INA quoted him as saying.

Jassim told the journalists they should not be subject to any pressure — but should take into consideration what he called the psychological development of their society.

He said he told INA to publish all information "so people can be made aware of the facts."

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An intensive fire fighting training course was held at the SAS Kuwait Hotel recently. The Salmiya Fire Brigade and Maj. Abdul Reda Blooshi from the hotel were responsible for lectures and practical demonstrations. About 30 staff members participated in the course.

Institute for banking courses

DR Abdullah Muhanna Salem Al Ghanim, director of the Banking Studies Institute, was quoted in a local daily as saying that since its establishment the institute has organised 220 training courses for 4,204 participants.

The institute is planning 65 additional training courses for 1,300 participants. These courses will cover all banking and financial activities, the official said.

He added that the institute organises the courses with the help of public and private bodies to cater to local needs.

Developments

Al Ghanim pointed out that the institute keeps pace with rapid developments on the international level and provides training courses based on those developments.

He added that the institute's training unit offers courses in English to develop skills of employees in local banks in the banking sphere where use of English is vital.

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WHAT'S ON

MUSIC

Swiss pianist gives recital

NOV 23: Swiss pianist Werner Bartschi will give a recital at the Al Jahra Ballroom, Meridian Hotel. He will play compositions by Bach, Chopin, Janacek, Franck and his own works. Tickets available at the Meridian Hotel.

Piano and Violin Recital

NOV 23: Kuwait Hilton will present a piano and violin recital by Matthias Kellig and Tibor Kovacs. They will play compositions by Beethoven, Schubert and Brahms. Tickets available from the Hilton Lobby.

Filipino Song Festival

NOV 25: The Kapisanang Pilipino sa Kuwait will stage their third annual song festival at the Trade Union Hall, Maidan Hawalli, at 4 p.m. All Filipinos are welcome.

SOCIAL

Nite Flight 88

NOV 10: SAS Hotel, The Tent, 9.30 p.m.: Airline staff will hold a social evening with music by Juke Box Band, Stepping Stones, and Remy D'Mello/Tony Pinto Jazz Quartet. Buffet, contest, prizes and surprises. For reservation contact Ken Winston — 5740256; Celestino — 2420631; Shahsi — 2420002; Tony — 2415439.

Diwali Mela

NOV 11: from 11.30 a.m. The Punjabi Cultural Society will hold the Diwali Mela (fair) at the Indian Arts Circle. The all-day event features lots of fun for adults and children. Highlights include games, home-made Punjabi food. All Indians are welcome.

Danish Meeting

NOV 11: Daniella invites all Danes for a desert picnic on Friday from 10 a.m. For details contact Karen Marie — 3715146; Annette — 3720182 ext. 33.

Contact

NOV 12: SAS Hotel, 10 a.m.: Contact, the ladies information group, will hold a meeting. Newcomers to Kuwait are particularly welcome. Tel: 4874513; 5388105.

Naveem Youth Centre

NOV 17: Second social get-together at a local hotel. Music by Stepping Stones. For details ring 2407366 after 3.30 p.m.

NOV 18: 6.30 p.m.: Brer Rabbit, a children's musical show, will be performed at the Universal American School. Directed by Ken Winston.

NOV 17-18: matinees at 3 p.m. at the same venue.

For reservations call 5740256/7, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.; 4.30 - 7 p.m.; or 5731782.

Kuwait Welsh Society

NOV 23 (Wed): Kuwait Welsh Society will hold "Tramps Supper." For further details call 3713467.

Kuwait Caledonians

NOV 24: St Andrews Night Dinner will be held at Messiah Beach Hotel. Guests from Scotland will be Abie and John Carmichael. For details and reservations ring 5335082; 3727690 ext. 253.

SPORTS

Windsurfing

Competition
LAST chance to enter the annual windsurfing and photographic competitions, which will be held at the SAS Club on Nov 11. Super prizes. Closing date for entries is Nov 9. Application forms available at SAS Club reception. For details call 4745916 or 9022058.

PBAK bowling tournament

THE PBAK knockout bowling tournament has been postponed and will be held in the last week of November. The dates will be announced later. However, registration continues for the PBAK second Filipino non-pro. Rules will be announced after completing entry forms. Deadline: Nov 22. For details call Sarah Macarimbang — Tel: 484-3447.

BA Speedbird

Trophy
NOV 18 (Friday), 9 a.m.: Forty-five over-all day match for the BA Speedbird Trophy between a Great Britain XI and an Indian Select XI at the KOC Ground, Ahmadi. India XI's Man of the Match will win a roundtrip ticket: Kuwait-Madras or Kuwait-Delhi. All are welcome.

NAUI Diving

NAUI diving starts new course on Nov 14: boat trips every Friday. Tel: Frank — 4830570; 4830474.

* All entries for the What's On column can be sent by telex 22332 to Events Section or delivered daily, except Thursday, from 12 noon to 4 p.m., to the Arab Times Office in Hawalli. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.

Bolshoi and Lithuanian dancers to take part

Russian ballet in Kuwait

BALLET dancers from two of the best known Soviet ballet companies will present two performances in Kuwait later this month.

The Bolshoi and Lithuanian ballet dancers will perform on Nov 19 and 20 at the Al Andalus Cinema.

Top Bolshoi dancers Viktor Barikin and Nadezha Pavlova, Lithuanian dancers Murat Daukayev and Andrei Kondratov lead the troupe of 35 dancers and soloists who will perform here.

The Bolshoi, the leading ballet company of the Soviet Union, is famous for elaborately staged productions of the classics and children's ballets that preserve the traditions of 19th century classical dance.

Bolshoi Ballet was established in 1825, when the Bolshoi Theatre in Moscow took over the company from the Petrovsky Theatre. They gradually evolved what came to be known as the "Moscow style" — spontaneous and influenced by Russian folklore. After a period of decline at the end of the 19th century, it was reshaped into a first-rate company by Aleksandr Gorsky, after he took over as "maître de ballet" in 1900. He introduced realism in



Bolshoi dancers Nadezha Pavlova and Viktor Barikin

scenery and costume that has since characterised the group's productions.

The Lithuanian company also has a fascinating history. Opera was born in 1636 in Lithuania. Though it is difficult to give an exact date for the birth of ballet in Lithuania, it is generally believed that its roots go back to 1648 when a court theatre performed regularly. The form developed in the 17th century, and saw ups and downs before acquiring its

present status.

The Lithuanian Ballet, one of the largest, was formed in Kaunas in 1920 and moved to Vilnius in 1948. Its rebirth is linked with the present day Academic Opera and Ballet Theatre.

Performers

The performers who are coming to Kuwait are considered to be among the top ballet dancers in the Soviet Union. Viktor Barikin, who recently performed in Boston, USA, at the Soviet-American festival, is a graduate of the Moscow choreographic school and joined the Bolshoi Ballet in

1974. He has performed in lyrical musicals such as Les Sylphides, Don Quixote and Anna Karenina.

Nadezha (pronounced Nadia) Pavlova, hailed as Russia's "next major ballet star", joined the Bolshoi company in 1975 and has recently completed a Soviet-American film entitled "Bluebird", in which she had the role of Bluebird. The film stars Elizabeth Taylor.

Lithuanian dancer Murat Daukayev, known for his skill and artistry, has performed leading roles in Swan Lake, Giselle, Don Quixote, Romeo and Juliet and The Sleeping Beauty.

Andrei Kondratov was noticed by critics in his first major role at the Bolshoi Theatre as Vladimir in The Fountain of Bakhchisarai.

The ballet companies will present a varied programme in Kuwait, including pieces from Swan Lake, Le Corsaire, Don Quixote, The Festival in Venice, The Swan, The Return, Sleeping Beauty, Holiday of Flowers in Jansano, Venetian Carnival, Les Sylphides, Carmen Suite and Paquita.

A special performance for children may be organised, with a flat rate for school-goers. The show is being organised by Leisure and Arts Inc., which will take the companies on a Gulf tour after the Kuwait performance.

Musical 'Nite Flight'

THE airlines staff in Kuwait are all set for Nite Flight '88, their first social get-together, on Thursday night at the SAS Hotel.

Three of the best-known bands in Kuwait will be in attendance. The Juke Box band will present rock music, the

Stepping Stones will add a few pebbles of popular music and Remy de Mello and Tony Pinto promise jazz, courtesy Jazz Quartet, Meridian.

The night's entertainment includes games and competitions.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran
9.10 Good Morning
9.15 Dabdoob Al Musiqar: cartoon serial
9.45 World News via Satellite
10.00 Dars Khusoosi: local serial. Starring: Abdul Hussein Abdul Rida, Suad Abdullah, Hayat Al Fahd
10.45 Good Morning
11.00 Wa Yabqa Al Amal: daily Arabic serial. Starring: Abeer Essa, Mohammad Qabbani, Shafiqah Tall, Tayseer Attiya.
12.00 News Summary
12.15 Variety Show
1.00 News Summary
1.05 Holy Quran/Close down

EVENING

4.00 Holy Quran
4.15 World News via Satellite
4.45 Ra'ad Al Amlaq: cartoons
5.15 Tum Tek and Children
5.45 Nahnu Wa Asdaq: Our Friends

6.00 La Ilaha Illallah: historical serial. Starring: Laila Fawzi, Tayseer Fahmi, Rushwan Taufiq, Huda Sultan
7.00 News Summary
7.30 Songs
7.50 In Public Service: You and Your Health
8.30 Good Evening
9.00 News in Arabic
9.55 Anfuwan Al Ashiya: Arabic serial, starring Jafar Saadi, Qassim Mohammad, Salmiya Qadir, Laila Mohammad, Sana Abdul Rahman
10.45 Qadaya Masriya: Focus on Theatre
12.00 News Summary
12.05 World News via Satellite
12.30 Holy Quran/Close down

KTV 2

4.00 Opening & Holy Quran
4.07 Live broadcast of the football match between Al Shabab Sports Club
5.55 Cartoon serial — Dinosaurs

6.30 Professor Poosaugle: children's serial
7.00 Discoveries Underwater: "Ships of Trade." A group of British and Dutch archaeologists search for sunken trade vessels
8.00 News in English
8.40 Five Mile Creek: "Bang the Big Drum." The police are on the look-out for Maggie's husband
9.30 Easy Street: Starring: Loni Anderson
10.00 Secrets and Mysteries: tonight's episode examines the devastation caused by hurricanes in the US.
10.30 Edge of Darkness: Police thriller. Detective Brian is involved in unravelling another mystery
11.30 News Summary
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

VOA to broadcast US election results

TONIGHT Nov 8 is election night. VOA will be establishing a worldwide English network and extending broadcasts in Bangla, Farsi, Hindi, and Urdu, to report latest election returns. All times indicated are in (KLT) Kuwait Local Time. Special frequencies are as follows.

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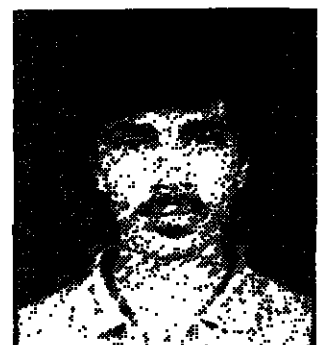
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Urdu 07:00-07:30
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Children's musical

A CHILDREN'S musical, Brer Rabbit, opens at the Universal American School (UAS) Salwa on Nov 12. It has been directed by Ken Winston of Sounds Great.

Nasch Hameed plays the title role, and dresses up like Michael Jackson to dance to the music of "BAD." Others taking part are Mohammad Abuejebain as the villainous Brer Fox, Gerry Rodricks as Uncle Remus and Mazen Araabi as the young John, who hears Uncle Remus story. The cast also includes Glenis Muckel, Sheena Louis, Kim Churchman, Scott Hose,



Nasch Hameed plays the lead in Brer Rabbit.

Patrick West, Carrie Dowsett, Esam Ibrahim and Amer Rachid. Sounds Great recently presented The Rock and Pop musical.

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Al Hamra
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Starring: Mel Gibson, Danny Galtar
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Ighial Madrasah (Arabic)
Starring: Nabila Obaid, Sabireen, Hisham Salim, Salah Qabil
Al Firdous
Mohabbat Ke Dushman (Hindi)
Starring: Raj Kumar, Hema Malini
Fahad Open-Air
Zameen Aasman (Hindi)

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The Secret of My Success (Arabic)
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Al Jebb
Anarkali (Hindi)
Ahmadi Drive-In
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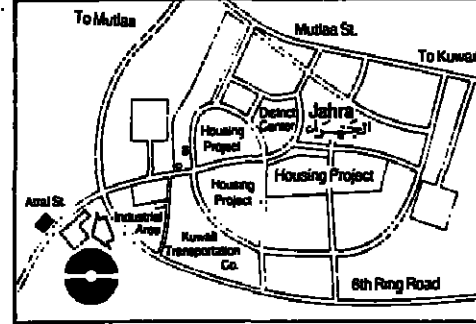
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ONLY a mediocre person is always at his best — W. Somerset Maugham, English author (1874-1965).

After protests against arming rebels

Afghan treaty may be torn to pieces

By Victoria Graham

UNITED NATIONS (AP): The Soviet announcement on Friday that it was suspending its troop withdrawal from Afghanistan culminated months of Soviet protests against the arming of Afghan rebels by Pakistan and the United States.

The action could mark an unravelling of the carefully crafted UN Afghanistan agreement signed last April in Geneva by the Soviet Union, the United States, Afghanistan and Pakistan.

That agreement was hailed as the United Nations' first victory in the resolution of regional conflicts in many years and a sign that the Soviet Union was trying to extricate itself from regional conflicts worldwide.

Among its provisions, the agreement called for withdrawal of Soviet troops and non-interference by foreign governments in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

A Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman said on Friday in Moscow that the troop withdrawal was suspended because of heavy rebel attacks. He indicated the Soviet Union might not meet the Feb 15 withdrawal deadline if the attacks continue.

The United States proudly acknowledges arming the Muslim rebels and denies it is violating the Afghanistan agreement. It accuses the Soviets of violating the pact by aiding the Kabul government and, more recently, by providing SS-1 Scud missiles.

UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, currently in Geneva for Iran-Iraq talks, had not yet seen the Moscow report and had no immediate comment, according to UN officials in New York.

UN diplomats said the development indicated that some may have overestimated the Soviet determination to withdraw from Afghanistan, end an unpopular war and cut its losses at any cost, despite provocative rebel attacks.

The postponement was the clearest of many Soviet statements to date that continued arming of anti-government Afghan rebels by Pakistan and

the United States would not be tolerated and could jeopardize the withdrawal schedule.

Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze has made several statements protesting Pakistani aid to the rebels, which he said violated the Geneva agreement. The rebels do not recognise the Geneva agreement.

Violations
Shevardnadze said that if violations and aid to the rebels continue, the Soviet Union could be forced to reconsider and possibly extend its withdrawal schedule.

In September, Shevardnadze told reporters that the Soviets completed the first phase of their withdrawal but not started the second part.

"Let's wait and see," he said. "It is necessary to stop the violations that take place."

He told the General Assembly: "as soon as Soviet troops began to withdraw, a non-stop production line of violations was set in motion."

He also appealed to the five permanent members of the Security Council to discuss violations of the withdrawal agreement. The five are the United States, Britain, China, France and the Soviet Union.

Under the UN-mediated Afghanistan agreement, the Soviet Union agreed to withdraw half of its 100,000 troops from Afghanistan by Aug 15 and the remainder by Feb 15.

Certified
The UN observer group of 50 soldiers certified the Soviet pullout, but the Soviet complained — on the day that UN peacekeepers won the Nobel peace prize — that the group was doing a poor job and not investigating violations of the agreement such as the arming of rebels.

The agreement also required non-interference by Afghanistan and Pakistan in each other's internal affairs.

The Soviet Union and Afghanistan say the arming of rebels by Pakistan and the United States violates the agreement. Pakistan says an end to arms supplies to the rebels depends on a Soviet halt to arming Afghan government.

Visit to Poland

Thatcher walked diplomatic tightrope

By Peter Gregson

LONDON (Reuters): Margaret Thatcher ended one of her most delicate foreign journeys as British prime minister on Friday, walking a diplomatic tightrope during a three-day visit to Poland.

Aides said Thatcher had been extremely touched by her reception, notably on her last day in Gdansk, stronghold of the outlawed Solidarity union where tens of thousands of people gave her a tumultuous welcome.

British hopes that her long and frank talks with Poland's communist leaders would pay dividends for both bilateral ties and relations between Eastern and Western Europe were boosted when Polish leader Wojciech Jaruzelski made a surprise airport appearance to bid her farewell.

Talks

Thatcher's third official trip behind the Iron Curtain, following visits to Hungary in 1984 and the Soviet Union last year, took a familiar theme in her talks and a banquet speech: Emulate capitalism, loosen political shackles and watch democratic reform reap economic reward.

But the fledgling reforms Jaruzelski and the month-old government of Prime Minister Mieczyslaw Rakowski have tentatively embarked on barely start Poland down the long road espoused by Thatcher and the message she brought was not what they wanted to hear.

Jaruzelski had even gone to the extent of warning Thatcher, in a British television interview on the day she arrived, not to meddle in Poland's internal affairs.

What they were hoping for, promises of help to ease the country's chronic \$37 billion debt burden, she resolutely refused to pledge.

Even worse, her programme was heavily weighted in its emphasis on Solidarity. She laid wreaths at memorials to people killed by state forces and publicly praised the movement, locked in a fresh confrontation with the authorities, as a vital ingredient of Polish life with which the government must deal.

Her visit to Gdansk, where she met Solidarity leader Lech Walesa, was an emotional climax to her three-day stay.

Thatcher blinked back tears at a church ceremony in the northern seaport, where a packed congregation including grizzled shipyard workers in blue overalls raised their hands in V-for-victory signs and sang: "God give us back free Poland."

"I had to come and feel the spirit of free Poland for myself," she told the supporters of a people's movement whose defiance of the government sparked martial law in 1981.

Thatcher later told a Warsaw news conference that Poland's problems were formidable, but that the way ahead was for the government and Solidarity to get together.

Opposition
"We regard Solidarity as going far beyond being simply a trade union. It is an expression and focus of opposition in this country and it is a very, very important group of people," she said.

Polish government spokesman Jerzy Urban said the government already linked political and economic reform as advocated by the forthright Thatcher, but was sceptical about her argument that economic aid should only come after democratic reform.

Interviewed on Polish television, Thatcher said another purpose of her twice-delayed trip had been "to link hands across the divide between Eastern and Western Europe."

Help for guerrillas fighting leftist regimes

By Charles Waterman

WASHINGTON: Support for armed insurgents fighting Third World leftist regimes which came to power by force is a hallmark of the Reagan era.

The so-called "Reagan doctrine" is not enshrined in any official policy document. Rather, says Christopher Lehman, a former special assistant to President Reagan for national security affairs, it is "an agreed upon, region by region, proactive approach designed to restore democracy and then to make it work."

"A clearly-understood intent of administration policy deliberations was the desire to make things difficult for the Soviets and their proxies — to burn their fingers and make the cost of remaining prohibitive," he concludes.

And, after a span of nearly eight years, the "Reagan doctrine" appears to have left its mark.

● A withdrawal of Soviet troops, which have propped up the communist Kabul government for nearly 8 years, is well under way in Afghanistan.

● The principle of withdrawal of the 45,000 to 50,000 Cuban troops that have supported the Angolan government has been tentatively accepted by Angola, Cuba, and South Africa.

● In Kampuchea, the occupying Vietnamese have proposed a pullout of 50,000 of their 120,000 troops by year's end.

● And the Sandinista regime in Nicaragua has grudgingly acknowledged it cannot avoid a minimal dialogue with the United States-backed Contra rebels.

Concessions
Stanislav Levchenko, Sovietologist and former KGB active-measures officer, believes Soviet concessions will go further.

"The Afghan withdrawal is certain, and I am convinced the Cubans will be ordered by the Soviets out of Angola. Something will be started in (Kampuchea), and I wouldn't be surprised if, by the end of the year, we see a reduction in Soviet support for Nicaragua," Levchenko

To be sure, the end result of current trends toward compromise in these areas is by no means a "done deal." And even if these trends continue, experts agree the picture is not uniformly rosy.

First, as Soviet concessions are offered, differences in goals between the US and some of the insurgent forces are emerging.

Regarding Afghanistan, Washington officials say they would essentially be satisfied by

says. "(Soviet leader Mikhail) Gorbachev is reformulating Soviet foreign policy to undo the misjudgements of the Brezhnev era."

So, are we seeing a vindication of President Reagan's robust, though controversial policies, toward these Third World hot spots?

The answer is mixed. Most observers agree that US support has indeed played a major role in forcing change in Afghanistan.

But in Kampuchea, US support for the rebel coalition and thus its overall impact has been minimal. The situation in Nicaragua is far from positive from Washington's perspective. And while an Angolan political settlement looms on the horizon, it is still vulnerable to the fluctuations of wider southern African developments.

Some individuals and groups protest passionately that, whatever the overall gains of the policy, the human cost has simply been too high. Without the escalation of military operations made possible by American support, they assert, the toll of lives would have been much lower.

Modify
According to some, a far better alternative would have been to let normal economic and political evolutionary trends modify the Marxist-Leninist regimes in Nicaragua and Angola without armed Western interference. But few of these sources say that such a policy would work in Afghanistan or Kampuchea.

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George Bush

anti-missile system. He has accused his rival of opposing virtually every weapons system since the slingshot and he equates Dukakis' policies with unilateral disarmament.

Dukakis says he will strengthen America's conventional forces. He opposes Star Wars and the MX and Midetman nuclear missile programmes. He says there are limited funds for defence spending and that both



President Reagan

the withdrawal of Soviet forces and a neutralist coalition that included the current communist regime. But most mujahideen want a total takeover; and some wish for a radical fundamentalist state.

In Angola, the withdrawal of Cuban troops and Soviet advisers in exchange for South African concessions is primary for the US. But leaders of UNITA (the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola) say they will continue, regardless, to fight for a coalition government in which they have a prominent role.

Second, even when Soviet-backed governments may be shattered, regional specialists say successor regimes will not necessarily be pro-Western.

● In Afghanistan, what could well occur is a takeover by Muslim fundamentalists, with policies akin to Iran.

● In Kampuchea, the two non-communist anti-regime movements could easily be overwhelmed by their coalition partner — the hated but powerful communist Khmer Rouge. The Khmer Rouge was responsible for an estimated 1 million deaths when it was in power between 1975 to 1979.

● In Angola, UNITA has yet to prove its proclaimed willingness to co-exist in a peaceful coalition with its current enemies.

Third, similar differences are emerging between the US and

regional regimes which support the insurgents.

The latter typically entertain more far-reaching goals than Washington. Pakistan, for instance, is concerned not solely with a Soviet withdrawal, but also with having a compatible neighbour in Afghanistan.

South Africa clearly wishes for an Angolan regime that will tacitly accommodate Pretoria's regional agenda. And China's long support of the Khmer Rouge is unlikely to be readily discarded, despite US pressures to do so.

Many analysts see the divergent goals between the regional players and Washington carrying the seeds of possible friction.

Support
While Western military and monetary support to insurgents in the Third World has helped motivate Soviet flexibility, experts say it is not the sole ingredient.

They point to a medley of other factors: Gorbachev's apparent aim of defusing regional tensions in order to obtain Western concessions on major strategic issues; disillusionment about the value of its Third World adventures; Moscow's need to remedy its economic weaknesses; Chinese pressures; and the resistance movements themselves.

In an article in the May 1988 edition of the Soviet magazine, Literary Gazette, criticizing Brezhnev-era failures, Vyacheslav Dachevich writes:

"There were no clear ideas of the Soviet Union's true national state interests. These interests in no way lay in chasing petty and essentially formal gains associated with leadership coups in certain developing countries."

With a strong caution that conditions vary widely between areas, a former senior member of the National Security Council staff and "Reagan doctrine" supporter puts the balance of factors motivating Soviet compromises at 60-40 — with the

larger proportion representing the pressures generated by visible US military and political support given to the various resistance movements.

Others count the balance differently, with greater weight given to internal factors in the Soviet Union.

Pressure
Ex-KGB officer Levchenko asserts that American "pressure" was a catalyst and expedited (concessions). But Gorbachev's motivation is primarily rooted in his domestic economic problems.

Arkady Shevchenko, former Soviet Undersecretary of the United Nations, stresses the importance to Moscow of improving relations with China.

If the Soviets and Vietnamese withdraw from Afghanistan and Kampuchea respectively, Moscow will have met two of the three conditions stipulated by the Chinese for a betterment in relations," Shevchenko says. "The only further issue," he adds, "is that of militarization along the Soviet-Chinese border — and I suspect they will meet Chinese conditions there also."

What if the Gorbachev era proves short-lived, and a power shuffle in the Soviet Union brings conservative leadership disinclined to make further compromises?

While acknowledging that retrenchment is possible under such circumstances, Shevchenko joins many Kremlin-watchers in doubting that older patterns of aggressive behaviour would reappear soon.

"The Soviets just can't afford another Cuba or Vietnam. I don't think most likely new leaders would go as far as Brezhnev did," says Shevchenko.

It is, in short, not one ingredient that is causing the trend, but several occurring simultaneously. Would the current situation differ, had no US support been given? The answers differ markedly.

The Afghan resistance would have received assistance via Pakistan from the Islamic world and probably China. But most qualified observers agree that the addition of generous Western assistance, including the US's surface-to-air Stinger missile, elevated the intensity of mujahideen activity to a point where the Soviets felt pain.

As far as Angola is concerned, UNITA's designated secretary for foreign affairs, Tito Chingunji, says, "The results we are now seeing did not occur during the time when US support was absent. American supply of anti-air and anti-armour weapons was the turning point."

And an American intelligence officer who knows Angola well contends that heavy Soviet-Cuban air and ground support to the Angolan government in 1984 and 1985 had pressed UNITA to the limit, beyond delivery of the US's Stinger missiles.

In Kampuchea, the largest force fighting the Vietnamese-backed government is the Khmer Rouge, not the two non-communist factions modestly backed by Washington and its Asian allies.

Chinese support to the Khmer Rouge preceded Washington's role and would continue regardless. According to US officials, the key effect of the latter has been largely to strengthen slightly the hand of the conservatives within the resistance toward the Khmer Rouge.

In Nicaragua, Contra supporters agree the resistance could never have commenced large-scale activity without American support and motivation.

Clearly, US support on the ground has drastically affected the course of battle in Afghanistan, Angola, and Nicaragua. The impact in Kampuchea has been modest, and the longevity of support for the Contras is obviously a question mark.

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Bush and Dukakis: where they stand

WASHINGTON (Reuters): Principal policy stances of George Bush and Michael Dukakis.

Economy
Bush says Ronald Reagan's tax-cutting policies have created an era of prosperity. He vows more of the same, telling voters to "read my lips — no new taxes." He proposes a freeze on overall federal spending to trim the budget deficit. He favours a sharp cut in the capital gains tax rate.

Dukakis says Reagan's policies have favoured the rich. He vows to cut down on corporate mergers that make millions for speculators and to get tough with US trading partners. He promises to make "tough choices" to trim deficit but says tax increases would be a last resort.

Defence
Bush would press ahead with just about all major arms programmes now under development including Reagan's Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI), the so-called Star Wars



Michael Dukakis

the United States and the Soviet Union have sufficient nuclear arsenals.

Soviet Union

Bush is sceptical of Soviet intentions and says "the cold war is not over." But he also says he will seek an early summit with Gorbachev. He attributes Moscow's agreement to cuts in nuclear arms to the Reagan arms buildup, which he says signalled the Kremlin it could not gain

military superiority.

Dukakis counters the arms buildup was irrelevant and that Gorbachev shifted priorities because of internal economic considerations. He says he will challenge the Kremlin to prove its good intentions.

Domestic policies
Bush, in philosophical break with Reagan's 1986 tax reform measure, proposes a variety of tax credits and tax preferences to boost savings, fund college education, encourage oil exploration and pay for child care. On issues such as health care, however, he opposes new federal rules and will rely on businesses to act voluntarily.

Dukakis will use penalties and incentives to increase private expenditures to meet social needs in an effort to limit direct government spending. He will compel US businesses to offer health insurance to their workers, will provide federal child care assistance and has drawn up a college loan programme in which loans would be repaid through payroll deductions.

Kennedy lives in emotions of millions

By Christopher Callahan

ARLINGTON, Virginia (AP): Mesmerised by the commanding view of Washington from a hill atop Arlington National Cemetery, John Kennedy remarked in 1963 that he could stay there forever. Later that year, an assassin would strike him down, and he would be buried near the site he admired so.

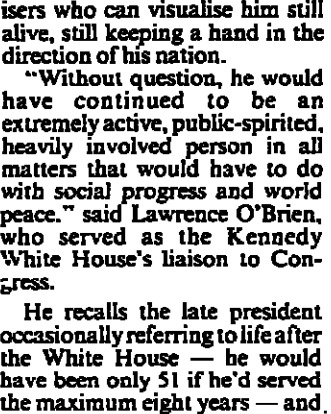
In a city filled with monuments and memorials, the Kennedy grave site, striking in its simplicity, remains to many the nation's most emotional symbol of life and death, of hope and lost dreams, even 25 years after his violent death.

"Kennedy's grave brings out a lot of emotions in people," said Kerri Childress, the cemetery's historian who was a second-grader when the president was gunned down in Dallas on Nov 22, 1963.

"A lot of memories come back. People don't just remember Kennedy's assassination. They remember that whole period of their lives, their families, their friends. People tell me they remember smells, sounds."

Weep
Adults weep openly at the grave. Admirers silently leave flowers on the granite bed. A blind woman, after visiting the cemetery dozens of times, cried when she "saw" it for the first time as she was allowed to run her fingers over the stones and feel the heat from the eternal flame.

There's another eternal flame. It burns warmly in the memories of those who knew and served with Kennedy, friends and adv-



John F. Kennedy

former presidents "weren't put to better use," according to Powers, who served as a special assistant to JFK. "I think Kennedy would have gone to the Soviet Union or wherever was necessary."

Generals

Childress recalls a delegation of Soviet generals visiting JFK's grave. In minute detail, they told where they were and what they were doing when they heard the news that the president, who had confronted their own leader over Cuba but later joined Nikita Khrushchev in a nuclear test ban treaty, was dead.

Like many Americans, they wondered what might have been. O'Brien and Powers doubt Kennedy would have run for political office after serving two presidential terms, but others wonder.

"It's just possible he might have stayed in politics, going back to the senate," said Dean Rusk, who served as Kennedy's

Secretary of State.

Author and former Kennedy aide Richard Goodwin agrees, saying that the late president would have followed the example of John Quincy Adams. The sixth president was the only one to return to a lower public office after serving in the White House. Adams served in the house for 18 years after his single term as president.

"He would have run for office and would have stood for a continuing voice on national affairs, and would now be the senior senator from Massachusetts," Goodwin said. Kennedy's youngest brother, Edward M. Kennedy, is the state's senior senator.

Action

"He talked about two things: A Kennedy library and writing, but that wasn't his life," Goodwin said, suggesting such academic pursuits were too sedentary for a man of action.

McGeorge Bundy, Kennedy's national security adviser during such tumultuous times as the Bay of Pigs and the Cuban missile crisis, took the idea of Kennedy holding public office after the presidency a step further.

"He'd probably agree with Ronald Reagan on exactly one subject: that the 22nd amendment is a nuisance," Bundy said, referring to the constitutional amendment that limits presidents to two terms. "I think by now he'd be ready to try again."

"If they had repealed the 22nd amendment, let's say five years ago, this (election) might be Reagan vs. Kennedy," he said. "It would be quite an encounter." Kennedy would have been six years younger than Reagan.

Army holds the key to Uganda's political future

By David Rees

KAMPALA (Reuters): Ministers and civil servants at Ugandan government headquarters know that the plans they are drafting for Uganda's future depend very much on the Army.

The success of those plans, which include a new constitution by 1990, depends partly on whether the National Resistance Army (NRA) can keep the fragile peace, the first since dictator Idi Amin was overthrown in 1979.

Another question is how the Army reacts to such constitutional proposals as reducing the power of the president — possibly a first in Africa.

"You can only have a change of power with the consent of the Army," said one senior civil servant at the 11-storey headquarters of the ruling National Resistance Movement (NRM).

"It is the Army that will hand over power," he said.

The Army, acting as a guerrilla force, brought the NRM and President Yoweri Museveni to power in 1986 after five years of civil war in this East African state.

Ungrateful

"It would be, I think, ungrateful, and not only that, unrealistic, that broad reform be carried out without the backing of the Army," said Constitutional Affairs Minister Sam Njuba.

Njuba, an influential figure in the NRM, told Reuters that he felt the kind of reform Museveni's government contemplates is almost without precedent in Africa.

The NRM wants to move away from the strong executive presidency enshrined in the current constitution.

"That constitution vests a lot of power in the central authority, the head of state. That is the problem with it," Njuba said.

He said he thought this would be changed in Uganda's new constitution.

Reduction
Diplomats say the Army, a major voice in the provisional legislature, the National Resistance Council, might have reservations about a reduction in central control, especially if it meant less power for Museveni, NRA leader in its guerrilla days.

"I think there is very clearly a feeling that it is not time to be worrying about constitutions and democracy until the security problem is completely resolved," a Western diplomat said.

The Army, which has grown from about 20,000 in 1986 to an estimated 50,000, has spent most of its time since the NRM took power fighting rebels.

Move
Even in the capital Kampala, soldiers with AK-47 rifles patrol the streets.

Although an uneasy peace prevails in most of the rest of Uganda, United Nations' and foreign relief workers say they are unable to travel through large areas of the north.

Remnants of Alice Lakwena's Holy Spirit Army — a group which fought NRA troops with stones, believing prayer meant bullets could not kill them — remain active around Gulu, the main city in the north.

The Ugandan Red Cross said it is unable to move more than five km (three miles) from the town of Soroti, further to the east.

Oxfam, the British charity, says as many as 500,000 people may be starving in the north.

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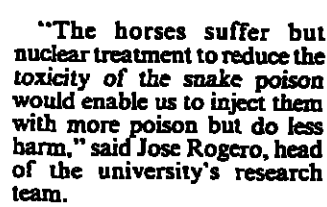
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Though horses show extraordinary resistance to snake poison, they still suffer from the monthly injections and about 10 per cent of them die.



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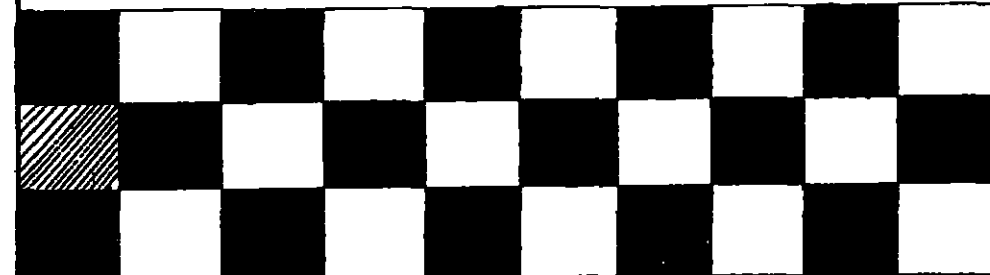
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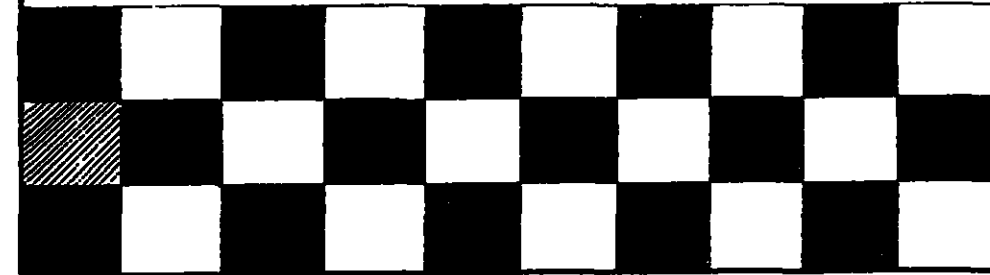
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SCREEN

A film buff takes a trip down memory lane, when cinema halls first came to Kuwait and were a popular source of entertainment for locals and expats alike.

By Ali Behbehani

THE first cinema hall, the Al Sharqia Cinema, located behind the Amiri Hospital, is a nostalgic reminder of the introduction of cinema to Kuwait. Now in ruins, it was once the home of entertainment for cinema buffs.

Set up in 1954 by the Kuwait Cinema Company, it opened its doors to the public by showing an Arabic film called *Dearest Than My Eyes*.

Nearly all films screened at Al Sharqia were invariably box-office hits with tickets sold on the black market at exorbitant prices.

There were two daily shows at the cinema hall, the first for women and the second for men. I was a little boy of seven or eight at that time, frequenting the cinema with my cousins and brothers. I recall seeing several films, including an Arabic feature entitled "Hamido," starring Farid Shawki and Huda Sultan.

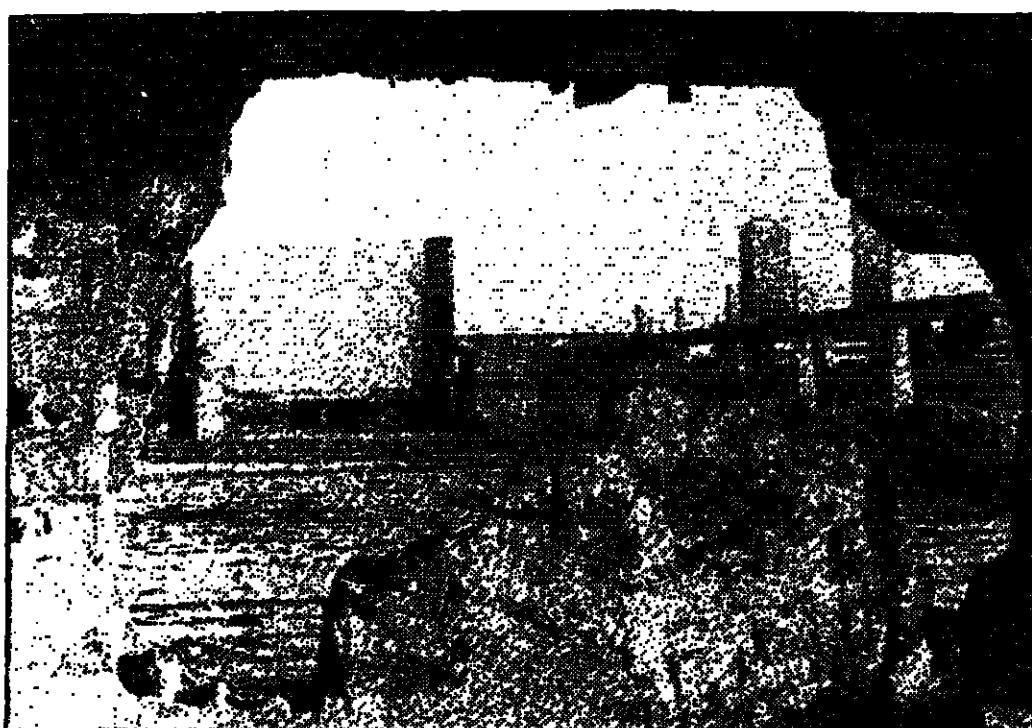
Badal was the first Hindi film to be shown at Al Sharqia, thus launching the trend of showing Hindi features, which were very popular among the film buffs in Kuwait.

Several popular films were shown like Shammil Kapoor's *Laila Majnu*, Pradeep Kumar's *Nagin* and two Raj Kapoor stars, "Barsaat" and "Boot Polish".

To coincide with the premiere of one of the best Hindi films, "Mother India," Al Sharqia organised a simultaneous opening in Kuwait in 1957. Mother India won many honours for Nargis, who played the title role. Raaj Kumar and Sunil Dutt co-starred with the actress. During the making of Mother India, Nargis married Sunil Dutt.

Mother India became the last film to be shown at Al Sharqia. The cinema hall was shut down due to the opening of two new cinemas — Al Hamra and Al Firdous.

A house full of nostalgia



All that remains of Kuwait's first cinema hall, the Al Sharqia. (Photo by Raed Outaina).

Al Sharqia was eventually demolished, but its remains still exist, like the silver screen which stands proudly among the ruins of the once bustling cinema hall.

Before the advent of video, cinema was extremely popular with a large following among the Kuwaitis and expatriates. Some of the best movies of the early 1960s were shown at the two new cinemas.

Al Hamra opened with Victor Mature's film entitled *The Egyptian*. This was followed by the first cinema scope film *The Robe*, starring Richard Burton. The sequel to *The Robe*, *Demetrius and the Gladiators*, was also screened. In the sequel, Victor Mature co-starred with Susan Hayward. Richard Burton appeared in a flashback sequence in which Jesus was crucified.

Spectacular movies were shown those days like Steve Reeves' *Giant of Marathon*, *Hercules Unchained*, *Hercules and the Queen of Lydia*, *Morgan the Pirate* and *Duel of the Titans*, also known as *Romulus* and *Remus*, co-starring Gordon Scott and Egyptian actor Ahmed Ramzi.

Other memorable movies

shown at Al Hamra were Helen of Troy starring Jacques Sernas, Rossana Podesta; *Maciste*, featuring Mark Forest; *Journey to the Centre of the Earth*, 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea, *Green Mansion*; *The Time Machine*; *War of the Worlds*; *The Sundowners* and *The Lost World*. The last film earned a fortune for the KCC.

In 1963, a historical film called *The Longest Day* was screened. The multi-star cast of 40 actors included John Wayne, Henry Fonda, Sean Connery, Robert Mitchum, Sal Mineo and Richard Burton.

Al Firdous Cinema was reserved for showing two types of films: Indian and Tarzan movies. Some of the best Tarzan films were shown between 1960 and 1964.

The black and white Hindi film hits were screened in the early Sixties at Al Firdous.

Some films were shown simultaneously in two cinemas — Al Hamra and Al Firdous. One that comes to mind is the spectacular Dilip Kumar-Vijayantimala starrer *Gunga Jamuna*.

Horror films were shown occasionally by KCC. The Black Scorpion was shown at

Al Firdous (1960); *The Innocents* (1963) and *Torture Garden* (1964) at Al Andalus.

In 1961 some English features were also screened at Al Firdous. Some memorable movies were Richard Todd's *The Hellions*; Robert Mitchum's *Night of the Hunter* and George Montgomery's *The Black Patch*.

In 1962, *Fury River* and its sequel *Mission of Danger* and *Frontier Rangers* were shown at Al Hamra. Buddy Ebsen and Keith Larsen co-starred in all the three films.

Al Andalus screened several box-office hits including *Two Women* with Sophia Loren and French actor Jean Paul Belmondo; *The Third Secret* with Stephen Boyd and *The Guns of Navarone* and others.

The showing of Marlon Brando's movie, *The Godfather*, marked the opening of Al Salmiya Cinema.

Video has brought movies into the drawing room but the charm of seeing them on the big screen still takes many a film buff to the cinemas, which are now more or less deserted, but patronised by a few regular cinema fans.

Movie pirates triumph over Hollywood moguls

By Andrew Quinn

TAIPEI, (Reuters): If you want to see the latest Hollywood blockbusters in Taiwan, skip the cinema.

The place to go is an MTV, a video club where you can watch pirated movies in the comfort of a private room.

For the equivalent of \$3, a wide choice of movies — from the classics to the latest hits — is available.

Taiwan's expert copy-cats have turned their attention from fake watches and handbags to films.

Hollywood is not applauding.

Illegal

"This spring, the kids were all watching pirated versions of *Crocodile Dundee* II, while my official copy was locked up in customs," fumed Frank Fan, Taiwan agent for America's movie industry.

"We consider MTVs to be illegal operations that should be eliminated," said Fan, who represents among others, MGM, Paramount, United Artists and Universal Pictures.

Despite legal action, massive

advertising campaigns and diplomatic pressure, America's movie moguls seem to be losing out to Taiwan's small-time showmen.

MTVs began in the early 1980s as coffee shops that attracted customers by showing clips from the US cable music video channel MTV.

Business boomed, and they soon began showing feature-length films. There are now tens of thousands of MTVs, some capable of seating hundreds of patrons.

Taiwan's many underground copying operations keep MTVs stocked with up-to-date films by churning out thousands of illegal copies from master videotapes smuggled in from the United States.

Some low-budget pirates even sneak recording equipment into cinemas to copy the films directly off the screen.

For only a fraction of the official retail cost, MTV owners can obtain films, which are then shown at huge profit to Taiwan's star-struck youth.

"Taiwan is so small and crowded, there are few places where young people can go to be alone," said Paul Huang,

head of Videogram Control at Taiwan's government information office.

"The market demand for these things is huge," Huang said.

Despite fears that the darkness and privacy offered by MTVs could encourage youngsters to emulate the steamy love scenes on the screen, the government decided in May to bow to market pressure and legalise the operations.

Outraged

The motion picture companies were outraged, saying the government was ignoring grand larceny by Taiwan's film bandits.

"Our calendar year income in 1987 was 32 per cent less than in 1986, largely because of MTVs," Fan said, adding that the total loss ran more than \$5 million.

In an effort to protect film copyrights in Taiwan, a group of American film studios last year set up The Foundation for the Protection of Film and Video Works.

The foundation has run a massive advertising blitz to try to persuade Taiwan movie

buffs that MTVs are not a good idea. But the campaign has long way to go.

"There is no traditional concept of copyright in Chinese culture," said Chen Li-Hui, a member of the copyright committee at the Interior Ministry. "For thousands of years, we've believed that if you copy someone it means you respect them."

The latest round of US-Taiwan copyright talks are scheduled for Taipei this month and Taiwan has promised it will be stricter on copyright rules.

US film companies were shocked in July, however, when a Taiwan court ruled that screening a movie at an MTV did not constitute a "public showing".

Few MTV owners are worried by the government's promise to crack down on businesses that do not officially register. Since May, only one MTV house has applied for and received government approval.

"Why bother?" one MTV owner said.

"We've been 'illegal' for years and nobody's done anything about it yet."

Palestinian director focuses on refugee problems

By Ann Peters

TEL AVIV, (UPI): Arab workers laying concrete blocks of Tel Aviv's central bus station, still unfinished after more than 10 years, glance periodically toward another cluster of workers — actors and crew filming a story similar to their own.

"Where are you sleeping?" asks a young Palestinian rebel of a seasoned family man, the main characters in *The Shelter*, being filmed in Tel Aviv and nearby Yaffo.

The question is common among many of the estimated 110,000 Palestinians who work in the occupied lands every day.

Those who cannot afford to travel home each night or find it inconvenient because of curfew and other disruptions in the Israeli-occupied territories sleep illegally in Israeli factories and on construction sites, not

always under hospitable conditions.

"It is very important that people understand that these people are not only Arabs," said Palestinian director Rashid Mashrawi, born in a UN-run Gaza Strip refugee camp where his family still lives. "They are human beings. They work, they love."

The Shelter, a 45-minute snapshot of Palestinian workers and their Jewish overseers in this situation, is Mashrawi's second film as a director. He knows the subject: he worked in construction in Tel Aviv several years ago while pursuing his career in film and painting.

Arguments

"I believe in the language of film," said Mashrawi, insisting he is an artist and not someone with a political axe to grind.

"Everybody works with the tools that he has. When I was a painter and I saw a pheno-

menon in Shati (refugee camp), I would do a painting. Now I do films."

Mashrawi, 26, rejects arguments his films are political.

"I don't speak about elections. I don't speak about dividing land. I don't speak about peace or war or about an independent Palestinian state."

But he admits frankly that "if I do a film, even if it's love story, then it's political because I am a refugee from Shati, living in Tel Aviv, making a film." It is especially political in 1988, the year of the Palestinian uprising against 21 years of Israeli occupation. Scenes from the uprising are in the second half of *The Shelter* script, but Mashrawi and producer Bashir Abu-Rabia, a Palestinian Arab bedouin, say they may not have enough money to film them.

Abu-Rabia and Mashrawi pooled \$7,000 of their own to make the movie. Their small

cast and crew is entirely volunteer, though it includes top Israeli Arab actors Salim Dow and Muhammad Bakri.

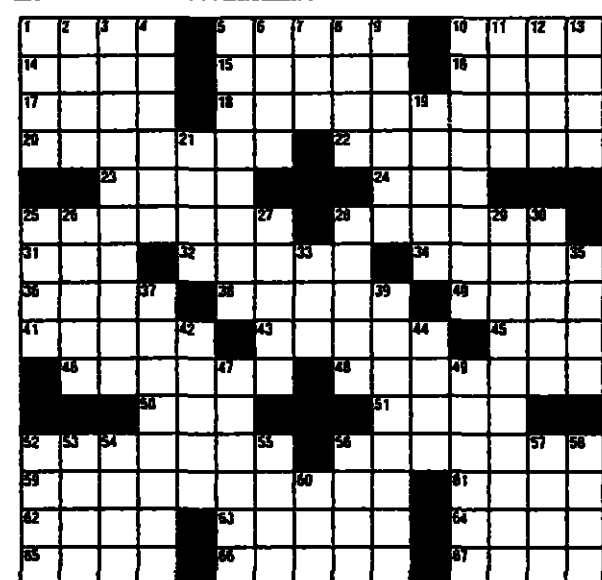
"As we have the French, the American, we must have Palestinian cinema," said Bakri. "It is not the Arab cinema. It is something else. It has some special colours. The Palestinians have their own mentality."

Crew members generally dismiss talk of the politics of *The Shelter*. But the film has hit home for some Israeli crew members who said they were shocked by a scene in which Israeli authorities drag a bloodied Arab worker from his hiding place.

They also criticised the film for its black-and-white portrayal of Arabs and Jews.

Mashrawi worked as a scenic artist on more than 20 movies before attempting to direct his first film. *Passing Permit*, screened six months ago in Tel Aviv.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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♣ 9 6 5 2

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3 ♠ Pass 4 NT Pass
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6 ♠ Pass 6 ♠ Pass
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"This lawsuit is frivolous in the extreme. There can be no reason why my client, Mr. South, should be found guilty of negligence. Consider how carefully he played this hand."

"He won the opening lead in dummy, then drew two rounds of trumps ending in hand. Next came a finesse of the jack of hearts. Had this succeeded, he would have been

able to discard one of dummy's diamonds on the king of hearts, and he would have been able to try for an overtrick with the diamond finesse.

"Unfortunately, the heart finesse lost and East returned a club. My client ruffed, crossed to the ace of hearts and took the diamond finesse. That, too, lost, so my client went down one trick. Since the odds on one of two finesses working is at least 3-to-1, how can anyone blame my client?"

"Ladies and gentlemen, honorable counsel's defense of South has been more learned than accurate! Mr. South would have done better to claim his slam at trick one—the defenders would probably have conceded."

"Suppose he wins the opening lead, then ruffs a club. Two rounds of trumps, ending on the table, are followed by another club ruff, and then come ace-king of hearts and a heart ruff. Now declarer completes the elimination by leading the jack of clubs and stuffing a diamond from hand!"

"When West wins the queen—he must hold milady in light of his opening lead—he can either yield a ruff-suff or else lead a diamond into declarer's major tenace. Either way, declarer loses a club trick and no more. We insist on a guilty verdict and damages."



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YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You will not be quite at your best and will have to make an extra effort. You should not permit yourself to idle and daydream. Make sure you do not expose yourself to infection. Be courteous.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You will be better able to make yourself master of the situation. Avoid allowing others to tell you what to do. However do listen to and act on good advice. Be loyal.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

You are liable to be blamed for something you have not done. There is nothing to be gained from dwelling on the past. Do not permit yourself to be sidetracked. Be resolute.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You should try not to make a nuisance of yourself, nor should you allow others to do so to you. Pay a little more attention to your diet. Do not always insist on having the last word. Be prompt.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

The wind will be in your sails but you are liable to steer in the wrong direction. You should seek to avoid negative thoughts. Try to live more in the present and less in the past. Be as good as your word.



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

You should make sure you do not lose sight of your objectives. This is not the right time to play your trump card. Leave yourself with enough time for your family. Be punctilious.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

You will have a lot to do but should not get into a panic — just get on with it. You are a little too liable to exaggeration. Make sure you do not allow yourself to get into a muddle. Be helpful.



Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

You should not try to do more than you have time for but nor should you finger over inessential. Try to look at other people's point of view and take them into account. Make sure you do not put on weight. Be moderate.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

You will be able to have an interesting and satisfying day. You would do well to concentrate on essentials. However details must not be totally ignored. Be sensible.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

You will have a bit of luck but not enough to enable you to sit back. Avoid allowing yourself to be distracted. Do not indulge a tendency towards extravagance. Be tolerant.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

UK firms fear foreign takeover wave: CBI

TORQUAY, England, Nov 7. (Reuters): British companies fear a wave of foreign takeovers will leave much of the country's industry in foreign hands in the 1990s, the head of the Confederation of British Industry (CBI) said yesterday.

"If contested takeovers continue at their present rate, by 1992 strategic control of much of British industry will be exercised from outside the (European) Economic Community," CBI director general John Banham told reporters at the confederation's annual conference which groups Britain's largest employers.

The EEC has set 1992 as the year when it will become a single market with common rules and standards.

Openness
Banham said the relative openness of securities markets in Britain enabled non-EEC companies to gain a foothold in the community through takeovers of British firms.

"In the run-in to 1992, the risk of a wave of foreign takeovers is of great concern to many CBI members," he said.

Last month, the government stepped in to block the biggest takeover bid in British corporate history, a £2.9-billion (\$5.1-billion) offer by Minorco, a South African-backed group, for mining giant Consolidated Goldfields PLC.

Cous Gold alleged possible insider dealing in its stock ahead of the bid.

In another recent takeover attempt, Edinburgh-based Scottish and Newcastle Breweries PLC, the fifth biggest in Britain, rejected a £1.6-billion (\$2.8-billion) offer by Australian brewer Elders Ltd.

Philippine economy no longer 'sick man of Asia'

MANILA, Nov 7. (AP) - President Corason Aquino said today the Philippines was no longer the 'sick man of Asia' and urged her nation's Southeast Asian neighbours to invest more to help sustain economic growth here.

"Today, perhaps more than at any other time in the past 20 years, the Philippines is on the rise," Mrs Aquino told a conference of about 500 businessmen from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations. "The momentum of recovery is building up."

The six-member ASEAN includes the Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand.

"Less than three years ago, the Philippines was also known as the 'sick man of Asia'. Its economy, which had led the way for other Asian economies in the early '60s, was in a dangerous tailspin," Mrs Aquino said. "Today, we can proudly say that we have pulled off one of the most phenomenal rescue operations in economic history."

Mrs Aquino, who rose to the presidency in a civilian-backed military uprising in February 1986, said her government had arrested the economic slide of the last years of Ferdinand Marcos' 20-year rule.

She said the economy had bounced to a 5.7 per cent growth in gross national product in 1987, and 6.8 per cent growth in the first half of 1988.

Mrs Aquino added that from a consumption-led growth that had carried the economy in 1987, an investment-led growth has been achieved this year. She said capital growth rose from 4.8 per cent in the first half of 1987 to 22.5 per cent in the first half of 1988.

She also said that while the economy was on the rise, her government was able to keep inflation under a double-digit figure.

Energy talks

BAGHDAD, Nov 7. (OPECNA): Iraqi Oil Minister Issam Abdul Raheem Al Chalabi had talks here yesterday with British Trade and Industry Secretary Anthony Newton on the expansion of oil and energy co-operation.

Newton is the leader of the British delegation to the seventh session of the joint Anglo-Iraqi committee on economic, technical and trade co-operation.

Meanwhile, Iraqi Minister of Housing and Reconstruction Taher Hassoun Al Marzuqi received a delegation of 140 businessmen from Gulf Arab states which is currently here to explore the chances of taking part in Iraq's post-war reconstruction.

Financial markets nervously focus on US election

LONDON, Nov 7. (Reuters): The world's financial markets are nervously awaiting the result of tomorrow's US presidential election, financial analysts said.

They said the markets would be more comfortable with the continuity of Republican George Bush moving up from the Vice Presidency rather than the uncertainty of Democratic newcomer Michael Dukakis becoming chief executive of the world's biggest economy.

Whatever the outcome, there will still be some concern.

"Bush — assuming it is he — cannot extend the business cycle, maintain stable inflation and keep the (trade and budget) deficits down at the same time," said George Magnus of Warburg Securities in London.

Protectionism
If Michael Dukakis should win, dollar sales would soon follow because Democrats are viewed as the party of protectionism, said currency analyst

Brinsley Best in Paris. Shares dealers in London said stock markets worldwide had already discounted a Democratic win.

"A Bush victory looks almost certain so if Dukakis gets in it would be taken badly by the financial markets," a British shares analyst said.

Some currency dealers in New York wondered if the dollar, which closed higher on Friday at 125.05 Japanese yen and 1.7905 West German marks after stronger-than-expected US October employment data, would fall after the election, as previously thought.

Mood
"The mood has changed," said a dealer in Chicago.

"Before, people thought the dollar was to be sold after the election, whoever wins it."

Dealers said the market was beginning to shift its attention to the next batch of trade figures.

If the US September trade deficit is

larger than the projected \$10 to 11 billion, the US currency will resume its downward trend, said Natsuo Okada, a senior dealer at Sumitomo Bank's New York branch.

Some strengthening of the dollar could arise from Monday's meeting at the Bank for International Settlements in Basel of central bank governors from the major industrial nations.

Interventions
Following last week's open market interventions by the Japanese and American central banks to brake the dollar's fall, the Basle meeting is expected to plan how best to prevent a dollar rout.

Encouragement may be drawn from the latest analysis by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development which said the economic climate in its 24 member countries was "unusually favourable — even euphoric."

The analysis, quoted in the Paris-based International Herald Tribune

newspaper, forecast continued expansion to 1990.

Oil markets ended last week quietly with traders showing little interest in taking fresh positions ahead of a meeting of OPEC ministers in Vienna on November 21.

Quota
Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Hisham Nazer reiterated on Saturday his country's willingness to abide by its OPEC production quota if other OPEC members did the same.

"We have said many times and we repeat today anew that Saudi Arabia will be the first country to respect its share on condition that all members of OPEC maintain their designated quota," the official Saudi Press Agency quoted him as saying.

"We hope that the coming meeting of OPEC oil ministers will arrive at final decisions to set production limits and an upper limit to prices for a period of two or three years under tight supervision."

Leading nations, banks urged to lend more money to indebted countries

Japan set to take strong role on Third World debt

TOKYO, Nov 7. (Reuters): No matter who turns out to be the next American president, he'll have to deal with a more forceful Japan on the thorny problem of Third World debt.

Senior Japanese officials and bankers have made clear that they do not believe a US plan to help debt-ridden developing nations is working.

"We see the situation as very serious," said Koji Kashiwaga, deputy director-general at the Finance Ministry.

Washington can ill afford to ignore Tokyo's advice on the debt question because Japan is the world's biggest creditor.

Assuch, it is increasingly being put on the spot by developing nations looking for money to solve their economic problems.

The US plan, fashioned by former US Treasury Secretary

James Baker, calls for leading nations, multilateral organisations and banks to lend more money to indebted countries which put their economies in order.

According to Japanese officials, the plan's Achilles heel is the failure of commercial banks to come up with the extra money for developing nations.

Bank of Tokyo chairman Yusuke Kashiwaga told foreign journalists last month that Japanese banks will refuse to give any more money to the debt-ridden Third World unless major nations act to make those loans more attractive.

"Without some credit enhancement, how can you get private banks to lend more money?" Kashiwaga asked. "I am furious about the matter."

Multilateral development

banks have also been slow in extending new money to the Third World, Kashiwaga said.

"We definitely need the support of other donor countries to help fill the gap caused by private banks and multilateral development banks," Kashiwaga told Reuters in an interview.

Japan's answer to the problem is the so-called Miyazawa initiative, named after Finance Minister Kiichi Miyazawa. It calls for developing countries to swap bonds for some of their commercial bank debt on a one-for-one basis.

The interest rate on the bonds would be guaranteed by a trust fund made up of developing nations' foreign currency reserves and administered by the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Contrary to expectations,

however, Japan played down the proposal at the recent IMF/World Bank annual meeting in West Berlin.

Kashiwaga said Japan decided against trumpeting its proposal in West Berlin for fear this would foster jealousy of its growing economic power and antagonism toward the plan itself.

Some delegates speculated US opposition to the Japanese idea also played a part in Tokyo's decision not to push it more strongly, though Kashiwaga said such opposition was not so certain.

Crisis
In what some in West Berlin saw as a swipe at the Japanese proposal, US Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady warned against any plans for solving the Third World debt crisis by transferring risk from private banks to gov-

ernments.

"Such a bail-out argument is nonsense," Kashiwaga said.

By allowing US banks to write off some of the developing country debt to them against taxes, the Reagan administration is already providing the banks with some sort of debt relief at the expense of the public sector.

"That is also a bail-out," Kashiwaga said.

But he was equally dismissive of Democratic Party proposals to allow developing countries to write off some of their debt.

Miyazawa said that would provide the debtor nations with short-term relief. It was not a long-term solution, however, because it would only serve to discourage commercial banks from any future lending.

The Miyazawa initiative would not do that, he said.

Aide to NTT chairman quits

TOKYO, Nov 7. (Reuters): An aide to the chairman of Japan's largest telecommunications company, Nippon Telegraph and Telephone (NTT), has resigned over the Recruit Cosmos share scandal, a company spokesman said.

Kozo Murata, 63, secretary to NTT chairman Hisashi Shinto for 20 years, admitted buying shares in Recruit Cosmos before they were listed on the stock market and resigned last night, the spokesman said.

Shinto, looking shaken, told reporters this morning he was extremely disappointed by his aide's conduct but firmly denied any involvement himself.

"This is a matter I must think very carefully about," he said. Asked about the possibility of his own resignation, he replied: "No comment."

Shares
Last week Shinto told a news conference neither he nor his secretary had bought any Recruit Cosmos shares and if his aide had been involved it would be a matter of his (Shinto's) responsibility.

More than 15 politicians have been linked to the scandal so far, including Finance Minister Ki-

chi Miyazawa, former Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone and an aide to Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita.

It is not alleged that any laws were broken but huge profits were made when the share price soared after listing.

On Friday a Japan Socialist Party member, Takumi Ueda, resigned from parliament to take "political and ethical responsibility" for his former secretary, linked by press reports to the purchase of the shares.

Scandal

Ueda, first politician to resign over the scandal, denied direct involvement. News of his resignation pushed Tokyo stock prices down as investors worried that others may follow.

A Komeito (clean government party) member, Katsuya Ikeda, resigned as deputy party secretary on Friday over his brother's purchase of the shares but remained in parliament.

In July, the former president of Japan's leading financial newspaper, Nihon Keizai Shinbun (Nikkei), Ko Morita, resigned as advisor to the paper when it was revealed that he had received Recruit Cosmos shares.

Talks continue on Iraqi debt, says bank chief

BAHRAIN, Nov 7. (Reuters): Japanese and Iraqi bankers are holding talks to reschedule some of Baghdad's debt to Tokyo, the president of the Bank of Tokyo said today.

Mitsuo Inouye told Reuters his bank was working with Iraq's Rafidain Bank and some negotiations had already been completed. He declined to give details.

Inouye, on a three-day visit to Bahrain, said he did not expect a bonanza for overseas bankers and businessmen following the August ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war, since both countries had unresolved internal problems.

Fortune

"You can't expect anything buoyant. The two countries lost a fortune in this war so they have to straighten out their fiscal plans. We have to wait and see," he said.

Inouye promised to co-operate with both countries as far as possible but said the issue of outstanding Iraqi debts to Japan had to be settled before trade could develop. He said his bank would help to finance Iranian projects judged to be feasible.

Tokyo's ambassador to Baghdad, Taizo Nakamura, said on Thursday Japan wanted Iraq to settle its debts and achieve a lasting peace with Iran before its firms took on new projects. He declined to give a figure for the debt.

World Business Summary

Nigeria to publish new industrial blueprint

LAGOS, Nov 7. (OPECNA): Nigeria will soon have a new blueprint for industrialisation, according to President Ibrahim Babangida. In a weekend speech marking the opening of the eighth Lagos International Trade Fair, the President disclosed that the document contained a package of incentives guaranteeing adequate returns on investment. Babangida commended the role of the private sector in the realisation of the country's economic recovery programme and urged its leaders to 'look inward' for their raw materials. He reminded the country's industrialists of some of the breakthroughs that had been made in research, calling on them to "avail themselves of the findings." The President reiterated the need for co-operation between government and organised private sector in order to ensure the economic and technological development of the country. Meanwhile, Lagos Chamber of Commerce and Industry President Alhaji L.A. Salami said here that the 10-day fair was aimed at promoting and fostering international trade. He stressed the importance of international trade in helping developing countries re-adjust their balance of payments through exports to industrialised countries. Salami disclosed that over 300 local corporate organisations and 45 foreign companies from 18 countries were participating in this year's annual event. Special pavilions, he said, had been created for local and indigenous technology as a method of promotion.

Rich-poor gap widens: study

WASHINGTON, Nov 7. (AP): A new economic study shows a widening gap between rich and poor since President Reagan took office, with the poor falling farther behind and middle-class families holding even only because more family members are working. The study conducted for the Economic Policy Institute says the top-earning 20 per cent make nine times as much money in 1986 as the poorest 20 per cent, compared with seven times as much in 1979. Institute President Jeff Faux said the report shows average American families have been under greater economic pressure during the past decade than at any time since World War II. Stephen Rose, a Seattle economist who wrote the report along with economist David Fessenfest of Louisville, said the widening gap between rich and poor is a reversal of trends in earlier decades. The study concludes that without big increases in the number of women working, as many as 60 per cent of American families would have been unable to keep up with inflation between 1979 and 1986, the latest year for which complete data is available. The report says the number of working wives increased from 55.4 per cent in 1979 to 66.1 per cent in 1986. "This is an important first step in measuring the real economic benefit of having a wife work," Rose said in a telephone interview yesterday. But he cautioned that more study is needed to determine the additional costs families incur when the wife works, such as greater need for child care.

Bright forecast for oil investment

JAKARTA, Nov 7. (OPECNA): Indonesian Mines and Energy Minister Ginandjar Kartasasmita said here at the weekend that future investment in the country's oil industry was 'bright', despite the current slump in oil prices. He said although the climate for oil-producing countries and companies was 'unfavourable', interest by foreign investors in Indonesia remained 'fairly high'. The minister was speaking at a ceremony marking the signing of a contract for oil and gas exploration between the state-owned oil company, Pertamina, the Teikoku Oil and Amoco Java Sea Petroleum. He said there were several factors which encouraged investors to come to the country, including Indonesia's steady social, political and economic standing. The government's economic policies were deemed reliable, he said, while overall working conditions were easier than elsewhere, despite a number of shortages. Ginandjar also commented that the country was close to the large and growing energy markets of Korea, Taiwan and China. He stressed that these reasons were enough for Indonesia to remain an attractive proposition to investors.

Cocoa prices at best for two months

LONDON, Nov 7. (Reuters): Cocoa futures prices rose to their best since late August today on speculative buying despite postponement of a producers' summit. Traders said prices were held by market talk that French interests may have clinched a deal with the Ivory Coast that would take 400,000 tonnes of cocoa off the oversupplied market. Futures prices for March, the most actively traded month, rose to £862 (\$1,525) a tonne, up nearly £10 (\$17) from Friday. The summit talks in Lome, Togo, were to have brought together leaders from 12 countries of the cocoa producers' alliance which produce about 80 per cent of world cocoa. The Togolese government said the summit was postponed because some leaders could not attend. No new date was given. Cocoa fell to a 13-year low in September after the failure of talks between producers and consumers in the International Cocoa Organisation (ICCO) on measures to support the market. In another development today, Malaysian Primary Industries Minister Lim Keng Yaik said his country saw no urgency over joining the ICCO. "There is no urgency," Lim told reporters when asked if Malaysia would join the group.

US election a lottery for African economic planners

ADDIS ABABA, Nov 7. (Reuters): The United States presidential election tomorrow is little more than a lottery for African economic planners.

"I was asked the other day what the elections mean for our economies. I really can't spot what might be the winning ticket for Africa," said a top African economist at the weekend.

Neither Republican candidate George Bush nor his Democratic rival Michael Dukakis had shown their hands in this respect, he noted.

But Congress, wielding important influence over any efforts to ease the continent's \$220-billion debt, remained a key player, he said. Commenting on what he called an essentially political matter, he asked not to be identified.

Victory
Politically African leaders are likely to welcome a Dukakis victory. He has indicated his willingness to declare South Africa a terrorist state, and to tighten sanctions against it because of its apartheid race segregation policy.

African and American economists point to a sharp fall in US aid to the world's most impoverished continent in recent years under the Reagan administration at a time of dire need.

While Nordic countries, France and West Germany had considerably stepped up assistance to Africa in 1986 and 1987,

and Britain's contribution had stagnated, that from the United States fell appreciably, said Adebayo Adedeji, executive secretary of the UN Economic Commission for Africa.

The Washington-based Overseas Development Council (ODC), an independent non-profit organisation set up in 1969 to increase American understanding of Third World problems, has mapped out a blueprint for reviving the US role in Africa's economy.

US aid to sub-Saharan Africa alone fell from \$1.3 billion in 1985 to 750 million last year it said in a recent briefing paper.

"This decline was due in part to a reduced need for famine relief, but development aid also dropped."

The US Congress has viewed debt relief as a substitute for foreign aid and required appropriations acts in exchange for debt forgiveness.

If Congress and the executive branch agreed to exempt the poorest debt distressed African countries from this policy, the US could consider forgiving all official debt of sub-Saharan Africa, which in early 1987 totalled \$3.4 billion, according to the council plan.

It could also consider writing off debt incurred by poor African countries for past US food and security aid. Food aid is now provided by grants but these countries owe \$1.2 billion for

past food aid.

Arrears in repayments have become a widespread problem that impedes delivery of food to the countries concerned.

The ODC suggests that a policy to continue food aid grants while writing off accrued debt or converting it to repayment in local currencies would help African efforts to increase their food security.

"In a sense this is logical, since by its very nature food aid was consumed without generating funds for repayments."

The US now extends new security aid as grants. But more than \$700 million — including 450 million outstanding from military sales and 256 million from economic support — is owed by poor African countries for past security assistance.

Interests
Generally such assistance is provided to promote mutual security interests of the US and the beneficiary and is not necessarily expected to yield economic returns.

"Since neither its initial justification nor principal use was for productive investment, this type of aid is a prime candidate for forgiveness," argues the ODC.

It says forgiveness of food and security assistance loans would reduce annual debt service by one-third — roughly \$132 million — and chop \$1.9 billion off the accrued debt.

Greek-American banker flees Greece

ATHENS, Greece, Nov 7. (AP): Greek-American banker George Koskotas, under indictment for forgery and embezzlement in a \$30-million banking scandal, has fled the country, police said today.

Koskotas, who was banned last month from leaving Greece, apparently fled yesterday aboard a yacht from the seaside village of Megalo Pefko, 34 kilometres (20 miles) west of Athens, said a police officer who requested anonymity.

After Koskotas' escape became known, Minister of Public Order Tassos Seliotis who held responsibility for police surveillance of the banker, submitted his resignation, a ministry official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Koskotas was suspended last month as chairman of the Bank of Crete in which he holds a controlling interest. A government commissioner was appointed to investigate reports of irregular financial dealings by the bank.

On Oct 29, Koskotas resigned from the board of Grammi, a publishing empire he founded which controls three daily news-

papers, five magazines and a radio station.

The 34-year-old banker's parents, wife and five children flew to Switzerland last week.

Koskotas appeared before an Athens district attorney last Thursday to answer forgery charges against him. He was not detained but given until Nov 14 to prepare his defense.

Scandal

The scandal has rocked Premier Andreas Papandreu's socialist government because of accusations that senior officials were involved in illegal deals arranged by the Bank of Crete.

The government has pledged "absolute clarity" in uncovering the Bank of Crete scandal and warned there will be "no pardons" for members of the ruling Panhellenic Socialist Movement (PASOK) who may be implicated.

Over the weekend, a Greek shipowner bought one of the Grammi group's newspapers, the conservative daily Kathimerini.

The shipowner, Aristides Alafouzos, said he was paying 910 million drachmas (\$6.3

million) for the prestigious newspaper which was taken over by Koskotas last year "because Kathimerini must survive."

Koskotas is accused of forging statements purporting to show that the Bank of Crete had more than \$30 million on deposit with two American banks, Merrill Lynch and Irving Trust.

He also is suspected of illegally using the bank's funds to finance the Grammi publishing group and several other companies in which he held a controlling interest.

Koskotas bought control of the Bank of Crete in 1984 after working for six years in its central offices as an accountant.

His swift acquisition of magazines, newspapers and even a soccer team, Olympiakos of Piraeus, provoked calls for Central Bank authorities to investigate how the deals were financed.

Rival newspaper revealed that Koskotas, who grew up in the United States, was convicted on forgery charges in New York in 1975 and did not hold the master's and doctor's university degree that he claimed.

A time to
light up.
A time to
rejoice.



Diwali Greetings to the People of India.

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

LONDON
(Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST	209/0
ABEY LFE	281.0	
ADT LTD	131/0	
ALD LYONS	443/0	
AMSTRAD	188/0	
ARGVLL GP	167.0	
ASDA GP	144.0	
BAA	278.0	
BTR	294.0	
BAT INDS	52.54	
BARCLAYS	403/0	
BASS	804.0	
BEAZER	178.0	
BEECHAMS	463/0	
BERRIFORD	405/0	
BICC PLC	374/0	
BLUE ARW	93.0	
BLUE CHIL	444.0	
BOC GP	418/0	
BOOTS CO	224/0	
BPH INDS	264/0	
BR COMH	247/0	
BR AIRWAY	166.0	
BR AEROSP	468.0	
BR GAS RG	164.0	
BR GAS RT	162/0	
BR LAND	340/0	
B.P.	245/0	
B.P. PP	142.5	
BR TELCOM	264/0	
BURMAN OL	537.0	
BURTON	195/4	
CABLEVIEW	366/4	
COATS VIT	174/0	
COMN UN	335/4	
CONS GOLD	170.0	
COOKSON	76.72	
COURTAULD	286.0	
DALGETY	331/0	
DIXONS	139.0	
ENG CHINA	482/0	
ENTER OIL	575.0	
FKT BABCK	132.0	
FERRANTI	95.0	
FISONS	244/0	
GATEWAY	169.0	
GEN ACCID	847/0	
GEN ELEC	171/0	
GLAXO	977.0	
GRANADA	326/0	
GLOBE	145.5	
GLYNED	298.0	
GUARD RYL	178.0	
GKN	27.00	
GUINNESS	338/0	
HANSON	149/4	
HARRISON C	670/0	
HMER SID	547/0	
HILLSDOWN	262.0	
ICI	016.0	

LONDON
(Beta Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
2ND ALLCE	756/0	755/0
600 GROUP	119/0	119/0
A.AMER TS	363/4	363/0
A.B.ELECT	451/0	451/0
A.S.W.HLD	192/0	193/0
AAB KENT	92/0	92/0
AAR HLD	268/0	267/0
AARONSON	126/0	125/0
ADDISON	37/0	38/0
ADVEST	357/0	357/0
ALEX WRM	174/0	177/0
ALEXON	350/0	349/0
ALLD COLL	128/4	128/0
ALLD IR B	244/0	244/0
ALLD LND	131/0	131/0
ALLD PLMT	69/0	69/0
ALLIANCE	850/0	850/0
AMBER DAY	50/4	50/4
AMEC	362/0	362/0
AMER TST	136/0	135/4
AMERSHAM	552/0	551/0
AMH HLTC	930/0	930/0
ANGLIA TV	213/0	214/0
ANSBACHER	83/0	84/0
APPLEYARD	464/0	462/0
APV PLC	129/0	129/0
ASHLEY LA	109/0	109/0
ATWOODS	312/0	313/0
AUST REED	368/0	370/0
AUTO SECS	272/0	272/0
AVDEL PLC	80.0	80.0
AVESCO	117/0	117/0
AVIS EUR	350/0	349/0
AVON RUBB	698/0	695/0
B.WEIMILL	197/0	198/0
BAILL JAY	459/0	459/0
BAILL SHI	79/0	79/0
BAIRD (W)	233/0	234/0
BANK REC	243/0	244/0
BANKER IT	74/4	74/0
BARKER DO	119/0	119/0
BARRY DEV	180/0	180/0
BAYNES C	30/0	30/0
BBA GROUP	176/0	176/0
BEAR B.U.T	610/0	610/0
BEAR BRD	106/0	106/0
BEATTIE J	165/0	165/0
BEJAM GP	199.0	199.0
BELMAYN	50/0	50/0
BELLWAY	245/0	246/0
BENROSE	227/0	228/0
BENLOX HD	53/0	54/0
BERKELEY	275/0	274/0
BHAK MINT	442/0	442/0
BHJ GROUP	99/0	99/0
BK OF SCO	356/0	358/0
BLACK LE 2	12/6	12/4
BRENETT +F	31/4	31/0
BOASE HAS	251/0	251/0
BOODINGTH	164/0	163/0

World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
FT 300 ORD	1474.3	1485.6	1489.3	1476.5
FT 500 SHR	0	1047.3	1047.3	1030.5
FT ALL SHR	958.61	958.61	960.04	946.27
FT GOV SEC	88.82	88.82	89.02	87.92
FT DOW MN	174.5	174.5	175.3	171.6
FT NIKES F	563.99	563.99	551.55	596.93
FT OIL	1741.1	1741.1	1732.7	1765.2
FT DLR	132.98	134.40	134.17	125.62
FT MLD STG	111.67	111.79	111.94	90.79
FT MLD LOC	118.03	118.55	118.63	116.01

London Stock Market Report

U.K. STOCKS LOWER ON U.S. ELECTION NERVOUSNESS
LONDON, NOV 7, REUTER - SHARE PRICES STOOD NEAR THE DAY'S LOWS IN LATE TRADING, REFLECTING NERVOUSNESS OVER THE OUTCOME OF TOMORROW'S U.S. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION AND POTENTIAL DOLLAR WEAKNESS AFTER SIGNS OF FURTHER STRENGTH IN THE U.S. ECONOMY. DEALERS SAID, HOWEVER, THAT TRADING VOLUMES AND SELLING INTEREST WERE RELATIVELY LIGHT. WALL STREET'S EASIER TREND HIGHLIGHTED CONCERN OVER THE LIKELY DOWNWARD POST-ELECTION PATH FOR THE DOLLAR AFTER NEWS OF A TWO-POINT GAIN IN THE U.S. PURCHASING MANAGER'S INDEX IN OCTOBER TO 56.8 PCT, THEY ADDED. AT 1545 GMT THE FTSE 100 INDEX WAS 15.3 POINTS DOWN AT 1,474.3 AFTER TOUCHING A LOW OF 1,418.3.

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THE RISE IN THE OCTOBER PURCHASING MANAGERS INDEX, BASED ON DATA FROM SURVEYS OF PURCHASING MANAGERS IN MORE THAN 250 INDUSTRIAL FIRMS, FUELED FEARS OF RISING INFLATIONARY PRESSURE, SPARKED BY THE LATEST U.S. JOBS DATA.

London Gold

LONDON, NOV 7, REUTER - GOLD BULLION PRICES HELD NEAR THE LOWS OF THE DAY'S RANGE, WITH CONDITIONS REMAINING QUIET, AS THE GOLD MARKET CONSOLIDATED RECENT GAINS. DEALERS SAID, AS GOLD CLOSED AT 420.90/421.40 DLRs AN OUNCE DOWN FROM AN OPENING 422.03/422.50 DLRs, BUT LITTLE CHANGED FROM FRIDAY'S CLOSE OF 420.00/420.50 DLRs.

LITTLE FRESH INTEREST WAS SEEN TODAY, AND AFTER HOLDING AROUND STEADY OPENING LEVELS THIS MORNING, GOLD DRIFTED BACK THIS AFTERNOON, PARTLY IN LINE WITH COMEX, BUT ALSO REFLECTING GENERAL DISINTEREST, AHEAD OF TOMORROW'S U.S. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, THEY SAID.

London Money Market

LONDON, NOV 7, REUTER - MONEY RATES HELD MOSTLY STEADY IN DULL TRADING THIS AFTERNOON AS THE MARKET REMAINED CONVINCED THERE IS LITTLE PROSPECT OF A MOVE IN U.K. BANK BASE RATES IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

"THE (U.K.) GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY SAID INTEREST RATES WILL STAY WHERE THEY ARE UNTIL WELL INTO NEXT YEAR BUT UNKNOWN LIKE THE TRADE DEFICIT AND STERLING MEAN THERE'S ALWAYS A RISK THEY'LL GO UP. THAT'S A RECIPE FOR INACTIVITY," SAID ONE DEALER. CAUTION AHEAD OF TUESDAY'S U.S. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IS ADDING TO THE LACKLUSTRE TREND. THE BENCHMARK THREE MONTH STERLING INTERBANK RATE WAS UNCHANGED AT 12-3/16 1/16 PCT.

Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DMK	FFR	OPG
DLR	1.7750/50	1.7870/75	6.0955/85	NOON
STG	1.7750/50	3.1675/1710	10.8055/81	NOON
DMK	1.7812/7592	3.1621/76	29.23/39	FIX
FFR	6.8850/1005	10.8055/8235	34.0/34.14	FIX
SFR	1.4952/4962	2.6514/6547	83.71/81	24.54-57
HFL	2.0145	3.7225	112.79	33.06
ECU	1.16177	0.654298	2.07457	7.0774
SDR	1.34302	0.755269	2039152	8.15952
YEN	124.60/70	221.04/35		
SDR RATES	04/11/88	OTHERS	07/11/1988	

NAME	LAST	209/0
BOYD SHOP	594/0	595/0
BOOTH HMR	388/0	388/0
BOUTHAUX	58/0	59/0
BR ARROW	105/0	104/0
BR ASSETS	69/6	70/0
BR DREGG	137/0	136/0
BR VITA	228/0	228/0
BRENT CHE	130/4	130/0
BRENT WCR	376/0	377/0
BRIDON	170/4	170/0
BRITAIN SE	176/0	176/0
BRITANNIC	343/0	343/0
BRIXTON E	354/0	355/0
BRYANT GP	129/0	130/0
BSE INTL	60/0	60/4
BSR INTR	70/4	71/0
BULLOUGH	473/0	473/0
BULMER HP	161/0	160/0
CALENDRIA	358/0	355/0
CALOR GRP	384/0	382/0
CAMB ELEC	235/0	235/0
CANFOR E	187/0	186/0
CANNING W	283/0	283/0
CAP RADIO	439/0	438/0
CARADON	343/0	343/0
CARLON E	175/0	177/0
CARLTON C	663/0	664/0
CATER ALL	350/0	350/0
CATTLE HD	43/0	44/0
CAULDON	10/0	10/0
CENTL ITV	568/0	563/0
CHAS PHRR	159/0	158/0
CHARTERHA	20/4	20/4
CHAS CHUR	100/0	100/0
CHLORIDE	62/0	62/0
CI GROUP	45/0	46/0
CITRIL SEC	49/4	49/0
CITRY OIL	157/0	158/0
CLALITE	332/0	331/0
COATES BR	364/0	363/0
COLLINS A	467/0	465/0
COLLINS W	546/0	545/0
COMLORLL	171/4	172/0
CONNELLS	266/0	267/0
CONSTANT	325/0	324/0
COURTS FR	210/0	210/0
COMIE (T)	149/0	149/0
CORR	132/0	132/0
CRODA INT	193/0	193/0
CRYSTALAT	167/0	166/0
CTRY PROP	263/0	263/0
DANES EST	28/0	28/0
DAVIS GDD	160/0	160/0
DAVY CORP	150/0	150/0
DE LA RUE	485/0	482/0
DELTA GRP	290/0	289/0
DEVENISH	314/0	315/0
DEWARIST	42/0	42/0
DIPLOMA	211/0	210/0
DOBSON PK	95/4	95/0
DOUGLAS R	309/0	308/0
DOUDINGEM	62/0	62/0
DOUTY GRP	228/0	228/0
DRAYTON C	478/0	479/0
DRG	494/0	494/0
DUKEINSTR	68/4	69/0
DUNDEE LD	291/0	292/0
DUNHILL	221/0	222/0
EAGLE TST	147/0	147/0
EDIN LT	158/0	158/4
ELECTRON	198/0	198/0
ELLIS EVA	167/0	168/0
ENAP	221/0	221/0
EMPIRE ST	224/0	224/0
ERA GROUP	67/0	68/0
EURO.HOME	312/0	313/0
EUROHOM	400/0	400/0
EURTEL UT	345/0	344/0
EURTEL HT	21/0	21/4
EVODE GRP	185/0	186/0
EXEMPT	194/0	192/0
F&C ENTER	28/0	28/0
F&C EURO	230/0	229/0
F&C PACIF	138/0	138/0
F&C SHLR	69/4	71/0
F&C WELLS	147/0	148/0
F&C HOUSE	280/0	280/0
F&C HENR	182/0	182/0
FERGUSON	264/0	263/0
FINLIM GP	79/0	76/0
FINLAY J	124/0	124/0
FITCH LOW	260/0	260/0
FKB GP NW	284/0	285/0
FKB GROUP	288/0	287/0
FLM AER	122/0	122/4
FLM F.E	185/0	186/0
FLM INAV	148/4	149/0
FLM JAPAN	200/0	201/0
FLM MCH	180/4	180/0
FLM TECH	174/4	173/0
FOR SCOL	112/6	112/4
GPS	51/0	51/0
GRANPH HD	281/0	282/0
GREEN KMG	449/0	448/0
GREENL W	273/0	265/0
GREYCATO	420/0	421/0
GRUP TV A	47/0	47/0
GT PRTLND	361/0	361/0
GUINNESS M	128/0	129/0
GUS ORD	675/0	700/0
GVT ORIE	283/0	283/0
GVT STRA	229/0	228/0
H&M LD	120/0	120/0
HALL (M)	168/4	168/0
HALLA	198/0	197/0
HAMBROS I	224/0	225/0
HANWORTH	724/0	723/0
HAWTHORN	48/4	49/0
HAZELWOOD	229/0	228/0
HEATHCE	440/0	442/0
HELENE PL	31/0	31/4
HELICAL B	300/0	300/0
HEPWORTH	238/0	239/0

Morgan Stanley Capital International Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
AUSTRALIA	308.9	308.9	312.3	307.0
AUSTRIA	243.7	244.0	241.9	226.7
BELGIUM	422.6	421.6	421.6	412.8
CANADA	360.4	365.0	365.7	356.1
DENMARK	489.1	488.4	493.9	464.5
FRANCE	421.0	419.7	417.4	396.1
GERMANY	201.0	198.8	202.4	195.6
HONG KONG	1090.5	1914.3	1927.7	1812.7
FINLAND	117.7	118.0	117.7	112.1
ITALY	465.4	467.1	465.1	439.5
JAPAN	1291.9	1296.6	1296.6	1289.0
NETHERLANDS	264.0	263.2	263.3	260.1
NEW ZEAL	93.0	94.0	94.9	98.9
NORWAY	498.0	490.6	489.5	483.0
SPAIN	594.8	594.2	594.3	587.0
SWEDEN	257.9	256.9	256.4	250.5
SWITZ.	170.0	170.0	170.9	163.6
U.K.	558.8	559.6	560.7	551.2
U.S.A.	255.5	258.1	257.8	250.6
WORLD	471.2	475.8	474.9	446.2
E.A.F.E.	895.3	903.6	901.8	832.0

NEW YORK

ASCH CON	32/2	32/1	GEN NILLS	
ATLANTIC R	78/6	78/6	GEN MOTORS	
AAR CORP	0	24/6	GEN SIGNAL	
ABBOTT LAB	0	47/2	GENCORP	
ACME CLVD	0	8/4	GENIECH	
ADVO MICRO	8/5	8/6	GENETEC PA	
ADVO LAB	0	6/0	GEO PAUT-SO	
AETNA LIFE	0	49/1	GIBR-80	
AMAMSON	16/2	16/2	GIBR FI CL	
AIR PR-CHM	0	41/4	GLOBAL MAR	
ASIA AIR	0	21/0	GOLDEN MUG	
BAXTERSON	35/7	35/6	GOODRICH	
BMA 8-16	0	85/4	GOODYEAR	
CAK ALUM	29/4	30/0	GRACE WR	
CO STAND	24/7	24/6	GRAINGER	
CYANAMID	0	48/6	GREYHOUND	
ELEET PV	0	27/1	GULFMAN	
HM PRO	81/4	81/6	GULF RES-C	
HM PRO	79/5	79/7	GULF-WESTN	
NONDOR	0	77/7	HALLIBURTON	
STORES	58/2	58/4	HALLWOOD	
TEL-TEL	28/4	28/4	HANNA MIN	
OCO CORP	73/2	73/3	HARRIS CP	
P INC	0	42/5	HARTNARK	
PCO PITT	0	12/7	HEIMZ JB	
R CORP	48/6	48/6	HEN CURTIS	
ER GEN CO	0	33/4	HELM-PAYNE	
THEN ECE	7/4	7/7	HERCULES	
ACHIE	9/1	7/2	HEM-PACK	
SPAL 8-12	0	84/0	HEXCEL CP	
ILCO	36/0	36/0	HILLENBRND	
ND OIL	0	35/2	HILLENBRND	
IA PACIFIC	6/3	6/3	HILTN HTLS	
LS CORP	32/4	32/6	HITCHAK	
ERY INT	27/4	21/5	HIRSTE MIN	
ENT INC	20/0	19/7	HOLADAY C	
ON PRODS	21/7	21/7	HONE DEPOT	
E INC	30/6	31/1	HONE DEF S	
LLO SP	40/5	40/7	HONDA MOTR	
LSO OF A	26/3	26/5	HONEYWELL	
TH STEEL	21/3	21/4	HOUGHTON MI	
NERLY	5/1	5/1	HOUSTON IN	
K BOSTON	24/5	24/6	HUGHES SUP	
K BSTM-A	0	41/3	HUMANA INC	
K K-YORK	35/5	35/6	IBM	
K TR-NY	37/4	37/4	IC INDUST	
KAMERICA	18/4	18/5	ICN PHARMA	
KAM SPEC	7/4	7/4	ILL PAR CO	
ETING CO	63/7	64/1	INCO LTD	
ISE CASC	42/6	43/0	INDIA GROW	
IL GLD	0	7/7	JEFF PILOT	
WATER	57/3	57/5	JERRY B-S	
TELECON	29/2	29/4	JOSHUA CON	
IGGS-STR	28/4	28/4	JOSHNS-JCN	
UNST-MYER	0	43/6	K HART CP	
UNSWICK	18/1	18/1	KAN CI P-L	
RMIDY CP	17/0	17/0	KELLOGG	
S INC	12/5	12/6	KERR MCGEE	
BOT CORP	38/7	38/5	KEYSTONE	
ESARS WO	23/7	24/0	KILM-CLARK	
FREIGHT	26/4	26/3	KLM R D AI	
S NAT GS	14/3	14/2	KN RID MUS	
ST-COOKIE	0	27/3	KROGER CP	
TEMP-TR	60/5	61/0	LEA ROMAL	
I IND	27/7	27/7	LEHMAN	
INTEL CP	45/2	47/2	LINCOLN NA	
AMP INTL	32/1	32/2	LITTON IND	
PA SFA	14/2	14/3	LOTTITE CP	
ARTER CO	0	4/2	LOEUS CORP	
ISES MAN	28/7	28/6	LOW-NETTLE	
ENED CP	32/2	32/3	LOWE STOR	
GENIC BANK	32/2	32/3	LTD INC	
AMSON	0	25/4	LTV CORP	
RYSLER	25/5	25/6	LTV 1-25	
UBB CORP	56/2	56/2	LTV 3-068	
IR FR CH	7/7	8/0	LTV 5-25	
AGIA CORP	49/5	49/7	LUBRIZOL	
IN HILACR	22/1	22/2	LUBYS CFS	
ICOLE ST	41/0	41/2	MASTIS	
ICOLE	0	15/0	MALYSTA FAFS	
TRUCK	25/2	26/2	MAYTIS FAFS	
BAK EQUI	30/6	30/7	MONT ASS	
CORX	31/6	31/7	MARIETTA	
PBLL RES	0	15	MAC CON INC	
PBLL SP	32/4	32/4	MACNILLAN	
PACIFIC	16/2	16/7	MANOR CARE	
ASTAL	32/0	32/0	MANU HANOV	
CA-COLA	43/1	43/1	MARIOTT	
LECO	1/2	1/3	MASCO CORP	
HAMSON CO	0	39/7	MATTEL ELEC	
G-PALM	45/5	46/0	MATTEL INC	
US-CAL	0	34/0	MCDONALDS	
ANGUS-C	0	113/0	MCDONNELL	
SON	32/0	32/1	MCGRAW-HILL	
EDISON	31/0	31/0	MEAD	
EDISON	46/0	46/1	MERCK - C	
INTEINETA	37/1	37/2	MEREDITH	
ILL ILIN	402	402	MERRILL LY	
INTEL CP	38/0	38/2	MESA OFFSH	
OPER T-R	19/7	20/0	MOBIL OIL	
DATER DATA	24/4	24/6	MONSANTO	
PERP COR	5/3	5/4	NONAHNA PO	
MINING CL	66/4	67/4	NORGAN JP	

Arab contractors will get priority

Businessmen seek share in Iraq's reconstruction

BAGHDAD, Nov 7, (AP): Hundreds of Arab and foreign businessmen, bankers and industrialists have flocked to Baghdad in the last few days seeking a share in Iraq's post-war reconstruction.

More than 2,000 firms from 62 countries have representatives at the Baghdad Trade Fair this week, competing for a slice of the lucrative contracts as Iraq rebuilds its battered border cities and cranks up an ambitious development programme, halted by the eight-year-old war with Iran, that involves projects worth an estimated \$50 billion.

Rebuilding and expanding its oil industry is Iraq's most immediate priority. But it also seeks to build up heavy industry, power generation, transport and communications.

Foreign banks should be allowed to open branches in Kuwait, says GIC chief

FOREIGN and regional banks should be allowed to open branches in Kuwait, Dr Khalid Al Fayed, executive chairman of the Kuwait-based Gulf Investment Corp. (GIC) told a local daily.

In the beginning, priority should be given to Gulf banks to boost economic co-operation among Gulf Co-operation Council countries and to secure effective control by the Central Bank, he said.

Al Fayed also said local and Gulf legislation should be revised to accommodate the necessary services to be extended by a developed financial market.

Al Fayed also called for an expansion of an investment base by allowing foreign shares and securities to be traded in the local market. However, special systems and procedures must be developed to protect the investors' funds, he said.

Developments

The Gulf market in general and the Kuwaiti market in particular, have witnessed several economic developments, that require specialised institutions that can serve local investors and look for investment opportunities throughout the Gulf, he said.

Kuwaiti financial institutions have started developing their capabilities to play a positive role in the financial market, but the number of these institutions remains limited, he said.

However, Fayed praised the Kuwaiti monetary policy and said it is working to encourage investment.

Meanwhile, Al Fayed said development of a financial centre in Kuwait is a difficult task. The Kuwaiti market still lacks experience and is suffering from a shortage of dealers, he added.

Kuwait-Portugal Fund holds its founders meeting

KUWAIT International Investment Co. (KIIC) has announced that the Kuwait-Portugal Fund held its founders meeting at company premises on Oct 31.

The meeting followed the formal incorporation of the fund in Jersey as a company with limited liability.

The board of directors was formed with the following members: Seraj Al Baker representing Al Ahli Bank of Kuwait, Jassim Al Mubdhaf of the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development, Nasrallah Al Nasrallah of the Kuwait Investment Authority, Saleh Al Qadhi representing the Public Institution for Social Security, Mrs Wafa Al Qatani of Kuwait Real Estate Bank, Anwar Al Usami of Pearl of Kuwait Investment Co., Ahmed Al Zahin representing Kuwait Airways Corp., Jassim Al Bahar of Kuwait International Investment Co., Ibrahim Al Therban of Kuwait International Investment Co. and Fouad Al Shehab representing Kuwait International Investment Co.

Bahar was elected chairman and Therban was elected vice-chairman of the fund.

Subscription

The fund was fully underwritten with a total subscription of \$40 million, led by KIIC and co-managed by Al Ahli Bank of Kuwait, international financial advisers, and Kuwait Real Estate Bank.

The fund was incorporated to invest in the equity of listed and unlisted Portuguese real estate companies with emphasis on long-term growth. KIIC hopes that the fund will open the way for further investment opportunities in Portugal for Kuwait and Gulf countries.

Some 200 Arab businessmen from the Gulf arrived in Baghdad on Saturday night to tour war-damaged areas, including the badly damaged southern port city of Basra, to assess reconstruction possibilities.

Iraqi officials have indicated that Arab contractors and companies will be given priority in the reconstruction effort.

A senior Japanese trade official expressed eagerness to help with reconstruction and boost trade with Iraq. But he asserted that Japanese businessmen remain cautious about getting too involved in Iraq until it signs a peace treaty with Iran.

"The two main factors which inhibit Japanese eagerness to expand business with Iraq for the time being are the stalemate peace talks and Iraq's debt problem," said Shinsaku Sogo,

executive director of Japan's External Trade Organisation.

The Japanese have kept a low profile at the fair. But Sogo told the Associated Press that was not because of Japanese reluctance, but the high cost of freighting Japanese goods, mostly machinery and heavy industrial equipment, to Iraq.

The Japanese and some Western businessmen and trade officials have cautioned against extravagant expectations of a post-war boom, noting that with imports running at about \$10 billion a year, the Iraqis won't have the resources to service debts and pay for reconstruction.

But major industrialised countries, their eyes on the lucrative contracts expected to emerge, are still prepared to do business, if only to ensure that they will eventually be repaid for debts

incurred during the war.

Some have already put forward improved export credit for next year.

The United States last week concluded a new agreement to extend its current credit to export farm produce to about \$1.5 billion.

It was signed by Iraqi Trade Minister Mohammed Mehdi Saleh and Robert Piles, US deputy assistant secretary of commerce.

Facilities

Speaking to reporters at the fair's US pavilion, Piles expressed confidence in Iraq's creditworthiness and indicated that the United States might be willing to expand its trade relations with Iraq, which he said "proved capable of meeting its repayment obligations."

He added that Washington

was thinking of asking the Iraqi government to give US businessmen the same investment facilities that Arab businessmen receive.

Britain has signed an accord with Iraq to extend its line of credit above last year's £175 million, or \$297 million.

Britain's Minister for Trade and Industry, Anthony Newton, arrived in Baghdad on Friday for three days of talks with Iraqi officials. He is heading the British side at a session of the joint commission for economic, technical and scientific co-operation.

But the senior trade and banking officials accompanying him underlined the priority the British are giving to maintaining their traditional position in the Iraqi market and to secure contracts in the country's post-war rebuilding effort.

Other European countries, including West Germany, France and Italy, have shown similar interest in the Iraqi market. Their immediate objective is to maintain business with Iraq and share in the post-war development boom.

"Any decision to extend credit cover should depend on an assessment whether this would help ensure that Iraq would continue to service its war debt," one European businessman said.

Many countries have already rescheduled repayments of Iraq's debts.

Once a peace treaty is signed, Iraq will be able to reduce its huge military spending and rechannel its resources into reviving its development programme and reactivate the state sector, which suffered badly during the conflict.

Gold gains

Dollar eases ahead of US election

LONDON, Nov 7, (Reuters): Financial markets put themselves on hold today on the eve of the US presidential election.

The dollar was quoted slightly lower in dull European currency trading, easing after quite large sales from the Middle East to trade around 1.7890 marks and 124.80 yen after Friday's 1.7940 and 125.35.

But dealers said they expected it to remain in a narrow range before tomorrow's election.

"The dollar might move up slightly on position adjustments this morning after recent selling but it is not expected to move much before the election," a London dealer said.

Stable

"If Mr Bush wins the dollar might be stable to firmer as his victory has been discounted in the markets," another said.

But some expect the dollar to fall after the election no matter who is elected as the markets doubt if a new US administration will tackle high US budget and trade deficits.

In Tokyo, stock prices fell today due to a belief that the health of Japanese Emperor Hirohito is deteriorating and because of a fresh twist in a local share-buying scandal, brokers said.

The dollar was steady at midday as dealers marked time ahead tomorrow's presidential election in the United States.

The dollar was worth 125.05

yen and 1.7910 West German marks at midday against 124.95 and 1.7895 at Friday's New York close.

"The dollar was sandwiched between selling interest at 125.30 yen and buying interest below 125.00 yen and could not break out," said one dealer.

Direction

Dealers were reluctant to drive the dollar in any distinct direction ahead of the presidential election and expect the dollar to fluctuate narrowly this afternoon.

The stock market's Nikkei index fell 115.51 points, or 0.41 per cent, to 27,931.24. It ended 93.50 points higher on Saturday. Share turnover was low and brokers attributed that partly to hesitance ahead of the US election.

A belief that 87-year-old Emperor Hirohito's health is declining had a negative impact on sentiment. Hirohito has been bedridden since he collapsed Sept 19.

Investors are concerned that the stockmarket would close for a period of mourning if the Emperor died.

Palace officials said Hirohito's condition was stable this morning after he suffered a massive blood loss yesterday.

The loss was sparked by news that a close aide to the chairman of NTT resigned on Saturday, after admitting he bought unlisted shares in Recruit Cosmos,

brokers said.

A scandal emerged recently after it appeared that many politicians and their aides made big profits by selling the real estate company's shares when they were listed over-the-counter in 1986.

"There is a bit of a struggle between poor internal factors — the Emperor and the Recruit Cosmos scandal — and good external factors — currency and interest rates," said Simon Smithson, an analyst at Kleinwort Benson International Ltd.

Local factors were dominant this morning, brokers said.

Prices

Cash yen bond prices and yen bond futures fell to below Saturday's close due to an unclear market outlook and the yen's slight weakness, dealers said.

News that the Bank of Japan bought 200 billion yen of one-week commercial bills at 4.0 per cent maturing on Nov 15 also failed to activate the market, traders said.

Hong Kong stocks slipped in thin, dull trade with players sidelined ahead of the US election. The Hang Seng index ended 17.49 points lower at 2,567.02.

Australian shares closed weaker as leading stocks across the board suffered losses in dull trading. The All-Ordinaries index dropped 13.7 points to 1556.7, up from the day's low of 1555.9.

Gold was traded in London

around \$422.20 an ounce, almost \$2 higher from Friday's close in London.

North Sea Brent blend, the most widely traded crude oil, was quoted this morning at \$13.10 a barrel for December delivery, almost unchanged from Friday's London close.

In London share prices stood near the day's lows in late trading, reflecting nervousness over the outcome of tomorrow's US presidential election and potential dollar weakness after signs of further strength in the US economy.

Dealers said, however, that trading volumes and selling interest were relatively light. Wall Street's easier trend highlighted concern over the likely downward post-election path for the dollar after news of a two-point gain in the US purchasing manager's index in October to 56.8 per cent, they added.

At 1545 GMT the FTSE 100 index was 15.3 points down at 1,819.0 after touching a low of 1,818.3.

Glenn Davis, chief economist at CL-Alexanders Laing and Cruickshank, said "I'm looking for a bit of a bounce in equities, assuming a Bush victory, but the fundamentals have not changed and US interest rates look to be going higher."

Recent opinion polls point to a victory by George Bush but the market has been unsettled by indications that Michael Duk-

akis is narrowing the popularity gap.

The rise in the October purchasing managers index, based on data from surveys of purchasing managers in more than 250 industrial firms, fuelled fears of rising inflationary pressure, sparked by the latest US jobs data.

Higher

Lourho, 10p higher at 423, topped the active list with turnover of 12.9 million shares amid continuing speculation that Bond Corp will further raise its stake after confirming it has 20.5 per cent of Lourho's equity.

Allied-Lyons, in which Bond holds an 11 per cent stake, was 5p lower at 462 on the belief that Bond's apparent pre-occupation with Lourho makes it less likely he will bid for Allied, dealers said.

Elsewhere, the market was unimpressed by press suggestions that Guinness may be interested in acting as a "white knight" to Scottish and Newcastle against Elders' bid.

Press speculation had Guinness building a stake in Scottish and Newcastle to frustrate a bid for S and N by Elders-IXL, which currently 13.76 per cent of the British brewer. S and N was unchanged at 491 with Guinness 4p down at 337.

Trusthouse Forte was 3p higher at 267 on turnover of 3.4 million shares, reflecting activity in the options market.

Japan retains its lead as world's leader in per capita savings again

GENEVA, Nov 7, (Agencies): Japan retained its lead as the world's leader in per capita savings last year, beating out the thrifty Swiss for a second straight year, according to an international survey published today.

The study by the International Savings Banks Institute said Japanese per capita savings reached \$38,439 by the end of 1987, an increase of \$11,136 over the previous year.

Switzerland, formerly the long-time leader, recorded per capita savings of \$34,763, an increase of about \$9,500.

The 35-nation survey counted only bank savings.

The report cited the strong value of the yen and Swiss franc against the dollar as the main factors contributing to the high figures.

Switzerland was followed by Belgium with \$17,987, West Germany with \$16,102 and Austria with \$13,269.

The report said that savings remained at a "good level" due to a generally good control of inflation in several countries, the good economic performance average and ... a small decrease in unemployment.

It also said volumes of savings

in many countries surveyed showed "substantial growth, especially after the fluctuations on the stock exchange markets last year which led savers to come back to more traditional ways of investing."

The countries with the lowest per capita savings according to the study were Niger with \$7, Ethiopia with \$18 and Senegal with \$69.

Imports

Meanwhile, Japanese car imports shot up by 57 per cent to more than 10,000 last October, the highest monthly figure this year, the Association of Automobile Importers said yesterday.

It added that sales of imported cars also rose to 100,000 units in the first 10 months of the year.

The association indicated that West Germany, the US and South Korea were the main import markets.

Japanese business officials believe that the new US administration would pressure Japan to replace the US as the main importer of cars made in newly-emerging industrial nations of Southeast Asia.

They added that higher Japanese imports would slow down the growth of the Japanese economy.

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Nov 7, (Reuters): Shares closed weaker as leading stocks across the board suffered losses in dull trading in the run-up to the US presidential election. The All Ordinaries index fell 13.7 to 2,567.02.

TOKYO: Prices slid as investors took profits and stayed away due to the worsening health of Emperor Hirohito and the US election. The Nikkei index fell 180.39 to 27,866.36.

HONG KONG: Prices slipped in thin, lacklustre trading ahead of Tuesday's election and a HK Telecom announcement on a proposed share placement. The Hang Seng index fell 17.49 to 2,567.02.

SINGAPORE: Share trading volume was second lowest of the year as the US elections and a local holiday dampened interest. The Straits Times industrial index fell 5.21 to 1,023.27.

FRANKFURT: Anxiety about Tuesday's presidential election kept most investors on the

sidelines in thin trading, driving prices lower. The Dax index fell 13.89 to 1,271.13.

BOMBAY: Closed for holiday, reopens on Wednesday.

ZURICH: Shares closed lower on light volume. Investors were cautious after the downturn in New York overnight and in Tokyo and before the presidential poll. The Swiss index fell 7.6 to 932.7.

PARIS: Prices extended earlier losses at mid-session as caution increased ahead of the presidential election. The low turnout in a referendum on New Caledonia also contributed to a bearish mood.

LONDON: Prices stood near the day's lows in late trading, reflecting nervousness over the presidential election and potential dollar weakness after signs of further strength in the US economy. At 1545 GMT the FTSE 100 index was down 15.3 at 1,819.0.

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Tea Board names new director



A.K. Sengupta

A.K. SENGUPTA was recently named director of tea promotion for the Tea Board of India. The post had been vacant for about a year.

The Kuwait office is in charge of promotion and publicity for Indian tea in Kuwait, Iraq, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, Oman, Qatar and North and South Yemen. These countries account for about 20 per cent of India's total tea exports and about 75 per cent of India's value-added tea exports.

Sengupta has 15 years of experience in tea marketing and promotion. A graduate of Calcutta University, he has a master's degree in business administration from Sophia University, Tokyo, where he specialised in international business.

He worked as a tea export manager for five years in two government organisations — the Tea Trading Corp. of India Ltd., and Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd.

Sengupta has been with the Tea Board of India for the last 10 years, looking after tea auction sales in India. He has also done export promotional work.

India is the world leader in tea production, export and consumption. Its share in world tea production is 29 per cent. India is responsible for 22 per cent of the world's tea exports.

India also holds the world record in tea price. One lot of famous Darjeeling Tea was sold at the Calcutta Auction for Rs 2,700 (\$186) per kilogram in 1988.

UAE not to resort to taxation

ABU DHABI, Nov 7, (OPECNA): The United Arab Emirates will not resort to the imposing of taxes to offset the continuing deficit in the federal budget, according to Minister of State for Finance and Industry Ahmed Tayer.

He said the government would continue to generate revenues through an increase of fees for services.

Speaking to journalists following a session of the Federal Committee on Expenditure Rationalisation, he said that the present fee structure would be revised.

Industrial co-operation

ARAK, Central Province, Nov 7, (OPECNA): Iran and China are to co-operate in the design and construction of refineries, power stations, ports and jetties, as part of "massive" industrial and technical co-operation, it was announced here.

According to an official at the Iranian Heavy Industries Ministry, the two countries are due to sign a letter of understanding endorsing the move shortly.

Visiting Chinese Deputy Minister of Machine Building, Electronics and Industries Gao Ming Sheng said that his country was keen to expand ties with Iran.

Antwerp diamond cutters face Third World challenge

ANTWERP, Belgium, Nov 7, (Reuters): Antwerp has launched a determined campaign to prove it is a cut above its rivals in the fiercely competitive world diamond market.

The business community in this Flemish port has adopted the showbiz slogan "Antwerp — a diamond's best friend" to boost the city's role in the trade it once dominated.

Antwerp's diamond merchants, who buy and sell the stones, have never had it so good.

"This may be the only trade in the world in which Belgium is number one," Marc van Den Abeelen, general manager of the country's Diamond High Council, told Reuters.

But the cutters and polishers, who since the 15th century have transformed the rough stones into brilliant gems, are only just recovering from a major crisis.

Cheaper

Competition from abroad, especially from newly industrialising nations where labour is cheaper, pushed the city's diamond factories to the brink in the early 1980s.

"When people realised this industry was going down the drain, it took them four years to adapt. No one believed five years ago how bad it was," Van Den Abeelen said.

Once the world's only diamond-cutting centre, Antwerp is now one of 30. The workforce, 20,000-strong in 1970, has dwindled to just over 6,000.

India and Israel are the biggest challengers but Sri Lanka and Thailand have also been eating into Belgium's markets since they can process the world's hardest stone at a fraction of European Economic Community costs.

Some Belgian manufacturers have set up factories abroad to take advantage of low wages and non-union labour.

Despite the problems facing its cutters, Antwerp remains by far the major centre for trade in both rough and cut diamonds.

It hosts four of the world's 20 diamonds bourses which last year handled 85 per cent of the world's rough and half its polished stones. Diamonds account for six per cent of the country's exports, and two per cent of its Gross National Product.

Turnover

Antwerp expects turnover this year to rise about eight per cent to about 400 billion Belgian francs (\$16.8 billion).

Sea trade routes from India, the world's first known source of diamonds, brought the industry to the port, and the skill of the Flemish craftsmen were

unchallenged for centuries. Ironically, many of the world's cutters and polishers were trained in Antwerp.

"That's both a compliment and a disadvantage. We made magnets of the students, now they're competitors," Walter Baert, a spokesman for the Diamond High Council, said.

Manufacturers are investing heavily in high-technology equipment which Baert admitted could lead to more redundancies, but he said top technicians would stay in demand.

Service

"We have the best skilled people in the world. We have a better cut, better quality, better service," Abraham Fischler, president of the Beursvoot Diamanthandel (diamond trading bourse) said, noting it takes six years to train as a polisher.

But Antwerp has been too shy about promoting itself.

"You go to the United States, they think Antwerp is in Holland. We're not aggressive enough," Fischler said.

Hence the campaign to keep Antwerp's star high in the world market.

The Diamond High Council has collaborated with city authorities and rough stone suppliers to stage jewellery design awards, exhibitions and conferences.

Dear Junior Readers,

For all the artists and writers among you, here is news of an exciting competition you can take part in.

Shankar's International Children's Competition has been running for 40 years and has given children from all over the world a chance to show their skills in painting, drawing and writing.

You will see the rules for the competition below this letter — read them carefully before you do anything else. Ask your parents or teacher to help you with anything you do not understand.

If you want more information, you can contact the Embassy of India, P.O. Box 1450, 13015 Safat, Kuwait. Telephone number 2530600.

Remember, the last date for entries is December 31st, 1988, so you had better get your skates on! Good luck to all competitors.

Auntie Joyne

Shankar's International Children's Competition 1989



Rules

1. The competition is open to children all over the world. They should have been born on or after January 1, 1973. 2. There is no entry fee. 3. Competitors are free to choose the theme/subject they are interested in, or like most, for their paintings/drawings/writings. 4. Each entry should be certified by the parent/guardian/teacher that it is the original, unaided work of the competitor during 1988. Entries should be an individual effort and NOT a combined work. 5. Even entry should carry the following information in ENGLISH and in BLOCK LETTERS: at the back of the painting/drawing or at the end of the written work: full name of the competitor, boy or girl, date of birth, nationality, full address, subject/title of the entry. 6. No entry will be returned. The copyright of all entries will rest with Shankar's International Children's Competition. 7. All packets should be pre-paid/adequately stamped and mailed directly to reach:

Shankar's International Children's Competition
Nehru House
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8. The last date for receipt of entries is December 31, 1988. 9. Competitors from countries other than India are advised to despatch their entries, if sent by sea mail, well in advance allowing sufficient time for transit.

PAINTINGS/DRAWINGS

10. Any medium, other than black lead pencil, can be used. 11. The size of each entry should NOT be less than 30 cm x 40 cm (12" x 16") in size. 12. A competitor may submit up to 6 entries. They should NOT be mounted/framed.

WRITTEN WORK

13. Only entries written originally in ENGLISH will be considered. Translations from other languages do not qualify for the competition. 14. Entries may be in the form of poems, plays, short stories, essays, descriptive writing and the like. 15. A competitor may submit up to 6 entries. They should be in a neat handwriting or typed.

21 The second letter of these 6-letter words is always L. Can you find all ten words?

1	L				
2	L				
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- 1 to take a quick look at
- 2 nearly
- 3 heavy and ungraceful in movement
- 4 brave
- 5 to draw back; to wince
- 6 light and thin
- 7 a customer
- 8 to get down from a train
- 9 to make white in the sun
- 10 having fair hair

By Allison Uttley

IN THE cottage down by the side of the canal lived a girl. Her father was the lock-keeper, and he looked after the narrow bridge which spanned the canal. When a canal boat was seen in the distance moving smoothly over the green glassy water, he swung the little wooden bridge back against the bank and waited. Then the boat sailed through, and the barge-woman waved her hand, and the great horse which pulled the barge shook its head and nodded to him. Then the little girl, whose name was Betty, ran from the cottage down by the water's edge and stared with longing at the boat with its coloured funnel, and its pot of geraniums.

"I should like to live in a canal boat," she thought. One day she pulled open the drawer of the chest in the kitchen just opposite the open door by the canal side, and she took out a clean cotton frock, and starched blue sun-bonnet. She dressed herself neatly and she leaned over the water to look at herself.

There were no looking-glasses in that house, for the last was broken some years before, and they had had seven years of bad luck, so her mother said.

"We don't want any more bad years," said Mrs. Butters. "So we'll go without a glass. There's the water at the door, as still and quiet as a mirror and that's good enough for us." So the little girl leant down and gazed at her pink cheeks and her dark eyes reflected in the water. Down in the water she saw a heap of gold coins and a little green frog. She ran for her fishing net to drag up the hoard, but the water only broke into waves and ripples to and fro so that the gold seemed to be broken into a thousand pieces. The frog put forth a little thin hand and leant over his treasure, staring up at the face above him and the wavering net.

"What are you doing, child, in your best cotton frock?" cried the girl's

mother.

"Oh Mother, I'm fishing for gold. There's a heap of gold down here," cried Betty.

"My child," said the mother leaning over with a smile. "Nay, that's not gold. It's only the reflection of the sunshine."

"Oh Mother, I'm sure it's gold. See the little frog guarding it," said Betty eagerly, and she swished her net up and down in the water till there was nothing to be seen but the crooked waves with their glint of sunlight dancing on them.

"There's only the water weeds swinging down there," said her mother, and she turned back to the house.

The little girl sadly drifted after her, but she went again and again to the water's edge to peer down for the gold. Winter was coming, the canal was dull and the wind blew with bitter cuts like a carving knife, and gradually the fairy gold was forgotten in the ice and snow of winter.

Then with spring came a change. The rushes threw up new spikes, the water weeds returned with fresh new green. A few green leaves came up on stiff stalks, and they floated on the water. Each day they grew larger and stronger, and then buds appeared, round and hard as marbles. A speck of gold lay in the greenish petals, which unfurled in the sun and showed the buttercup, flowers of the great noble kingcup.

"There's your fairy gold," said the mother. "I've never seen kingcups blowing on our canal side, but it's quiet and shallow here, and the water forget-me-nots live, so why shouldn't kingcups?"

Mother and daughter touched the big glossy leaves and the gold cups of the flowers, and the little green frog swam up and lay on a leaf as if it were on a raft.

One day as Betty knelt

The companion



by the water, admiring the flowers, there was a movement by her side, and when she turned there knelt a girl exactly like herself.

The two stared at each other, Betty in amazement, the girl with a friendly look.

"Who are you? You're like me, just the same as me," stammered Betty.

"I'm your reflection, your double," laughed the girl in a faint voice like the breath of the wind. "I can't speak except in a whisper, but I am here to be your friend if you want me. I heard your wish for the fairy gold and I've brought you a gold penny."

She leaned across and picked one of the kingcup flowers. It changed into a gold coin in her hand. It had the emblem of water engraved on it, a ripple of waves on one side and the sign of the Zodiac for water, Aquarius with his water cans, on the other.

"Mother, Mother," called Betty, but she was silent as her mother appeared at the door.

"Yes, Betty. What's the matter?" asked the mother calmly, with never a glance

at the girl at Betty's side.

"Look who's here, Mother," said Betty.

"Who's here? Who is here? You shouldn't be so fanciful, Betty. There's nobody except — except a kind of light, from the water. It shines that way when the sun catches it and sends it on the trees."

Betty was silent. She stared at the girl, who put a finger to her lips. So she must keep the girl a secret, she was not visible to her mother.

"Come for a walk with me," she said to the girl and the girl nodded and ran by her side along the canal path. "I'll show you the kingfisher and the water-hens," said Betty.

"I know them all," laughed the girl softly. "They are my friends already. They know me too, they can see me when human beings are blind. Your mother is blind, too, Betty, but she will see me some day, I hope."

They ran along together, racing past the barge which moved by the canal, touching the horse's flanks with their fingers, smiling at the cat sitting on board. Both cat and horse saw the girl

and each made a sound of recognition, a cry and a grunt.

"What is your name?" asked Betty. "Is it like mine?"

"No, I am called Caro, because the things love me," said the girl.

"What things?" asked Betty.

"Everything, water and light and sunshine and air," replied Caro gaily and she hung her arms up and seemed to catch the air in her hands. Then she stooped to the water and picked up a handful of drops which she let fall as dark stars on the pathway. They lay like flowers and they took root and grew in the grassy verge.

Then she saw the kingfisher. Instead of flying like a blue arrow across the water and disappearing in the distance he came near and perched on a low branch of a naked willow.

The two little girls stooped to him. Betty tried to touch him but he flew a few inches away so that Caro's hand could stroke his bright feathers. Then off he went, dipping and flying, to the river in the meadows.

Caro held up a tiny blue feather in her hands. She gave it to her companion. "A present for you," said she.

As Betty held it she could hear the voice of the bird flying over the river. It spoke to the wind and the sky, and it sang a few notes to the swallows dipping over the water. Kingfisher, blue halcyon bird, beloved bringer of luck to the fisherman and the little girl wandering by the canal.

"I heard what he said," murmured Betty.

"Yes, the feather gives you the power to hear bird talk," replied the reflection girl, diving into the water and returning dry as her companion. She brought up a twig with a caddis clinging to it. They both leaned over and admired the creature, and then the reflection girl dropped it back in the water, for overhead flew a green dragonfly, singing and darting

close to the hair of the reflection girl.

"It thinks I am made of water," she laughed and she caught it in her fingers.

"Here's green dragon for you, Betty," said she.

The wings fluttered and the dragonfly sat on the band of light. Then it rose and flew away, with a bead of light on its head like a crown jewel of diamonds.

A horse stood by the fence as they wandered along the path. Betty called to it, but its eyes were staring at the girl by her side. Suddenly it kicked up its heels and laid its ears flat and dashed away.

"It's frightened of me," said Caro. "It can see me and it isn't quite sure. All animals can see the half-visible, only man is blind to them. And you, Betty, can see me."

"You will go home with me, won't you?" asked Betty.

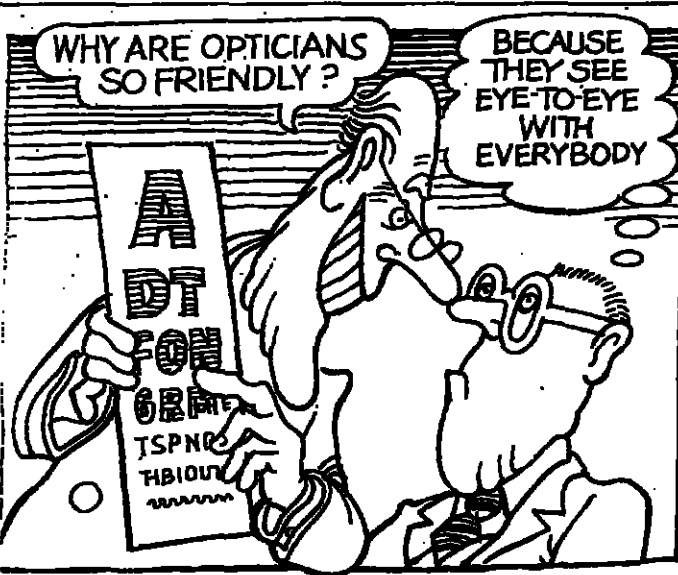
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So when they got back to the cottage the girl gently slid back into the water, but before she did so she peeped into the kitchen. Betty's mother was busy setting the table for dinner.

"Come along, Betty," she cried. "You can set the table. There's a light by your side, a queer patch of sunshine came in with you. Shut the door. No, leave it open, it's pretty."

She stared at the patch of sunlight, and the girl, Caro, slid back through the door, and away to the water.

So every day the girl came from the canal to play with the little girl in the cottage, and together they roamed the country, speaking to bird and animal and tree, finding flowers and insects and stroking the butterflies which always flew down to the reflection and settled on her watery shining hands.



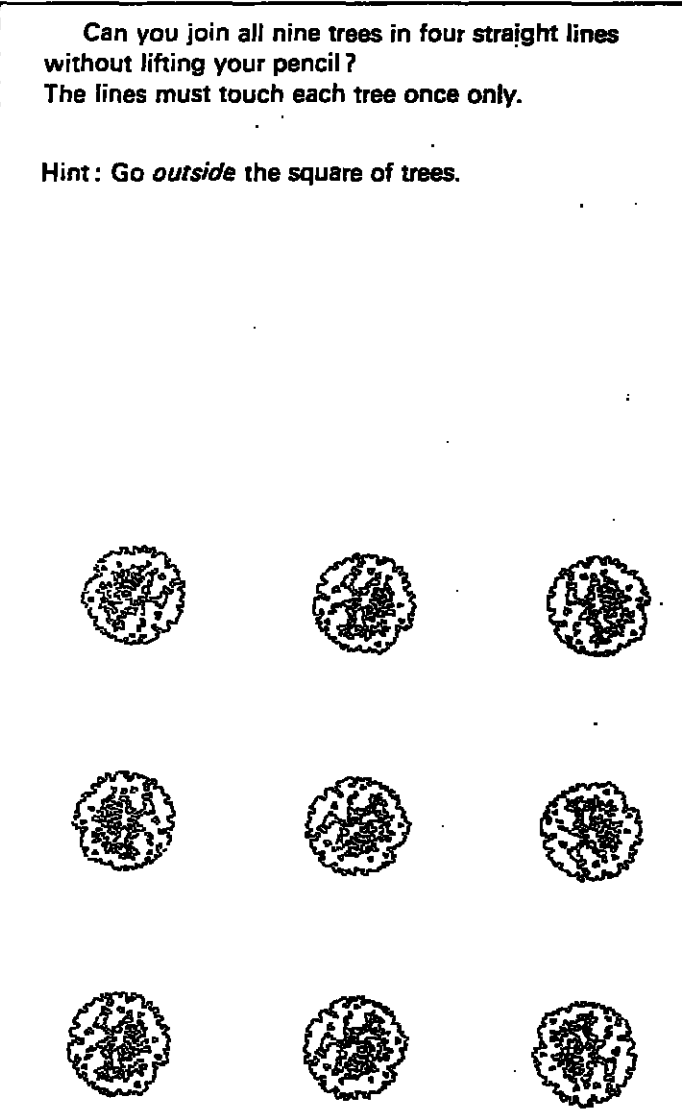
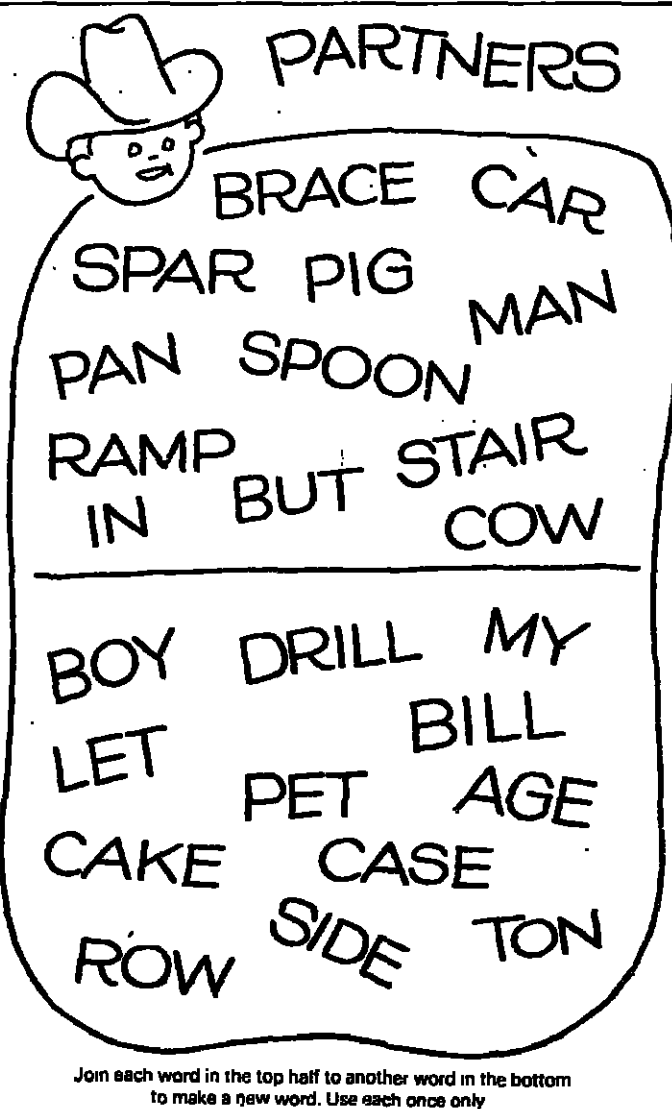
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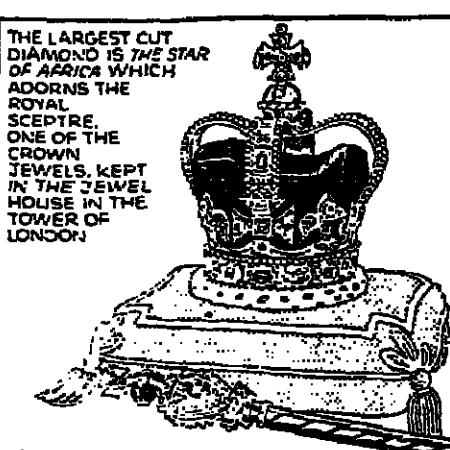
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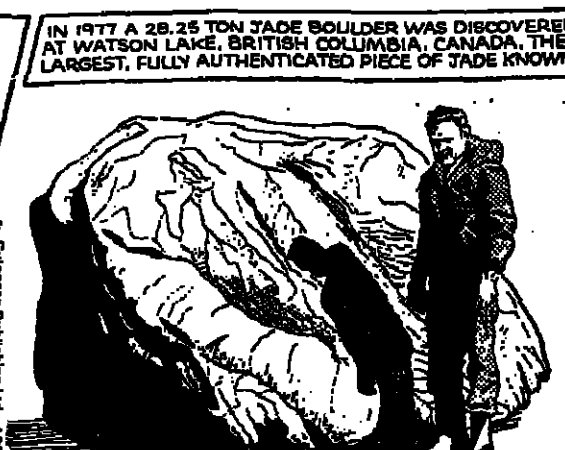
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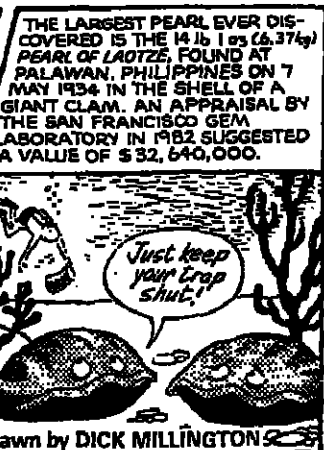
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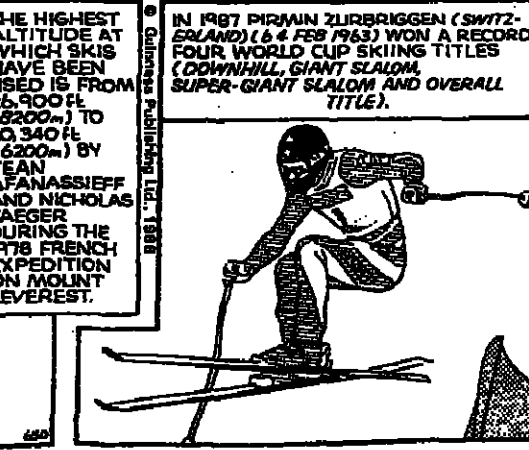
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Avengers overcome Equalisers

ANOTHER week of intense competition in the KBRC Kuwait Darts League saw Avengers remain the only side in all four leagues to retain their 100 per cent record, thanks to a hard fought 2-1 victory over Equalisers.

Excellent darts from all six girls throughout, bettered only by Dougie's barracking, the only difference between the teams being Julie Ellis' winning double four.

Lady Tossers moved smoothly into second place by virtue of a 2-0 win at home to Human Beans, whilst Bulls Hitters ladies also had a good week beating Chucks 2-0, and also Nibblers earlier in the week by 2-1, to move into third.

In other Wednesday ladies matches H2O beat Fintas Floosies 2-0, with Shooa scoring 95, Shipwrecks sank Nibblers 2-0 despite Diane Novis' 104, and Ohtom edged Mee Ladies 2-1.

In the Wednesday Men's League, Middle Eastenders dropped their first point of the season at home to Entente Cordiale, and at 2-0 and 3-2 down thought defeat was looming large. However, steady darts in the deciding Mickey Mouse, and new recruit Keith Allen, saw them earn a point. 140 club trophies here for Peter Bedlow and Brian Mitchelson, with Keith getting three high scores including a 114 finish.

Soweto Slingers moved into second spot, depositing Equalisers on game difference, having beaten them 4-2. Very good scoring here as Slingers only made one of success by winning both Mickey Mouse games in fine style. Four high scores each for John Donovan and Ian Thomas, with 135 by Alan Wild, 134 by Dave Ball, 120 from Ihsan Soboh and 2 100's for Richard Ellis and Doug Francis.

Continued
Bulls Hitters moved ominously into fourth, having beaten Nibblers in a re-arranged game mid-week, by out throwing Chucks 5-1. A captain's performance here by John Watson as he led the way with four high scores in his 2-0 singles win, as he also checked out one leg in 18 darts. Other high scorers were Dave Bosworth and Graham Warner.

Hasbeans continued their recent good form with a 4-2 win against Shower of Tossers, Mike McLeod registered the highest Wednesday finish to date with 117, but still lost to Ted Stoklosa 2-1.

Wednesday League									
Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	PF	PL	PP
Avengers	6	6	0	0	32	8	11	0	0
Slingers	5	4	1	0	22	8	8	0	0
Equalisers	4	3	1	0	25	12	8	0	0
Hitters	3	2	1	0	20	10	8	0	0
H2O	2	1	1	0	20	10	8	0	0
Shooa	1	1	0	0	17	13	5	0	0
Shipwrecks	0	0	0	6	12	35	0	6	0
Nibblers	0	0	0	6	8	22	0	6	0
Human Beans	0	0	0	6	8	22	0	6	0
Chucks	0	0	0	6	8	22	0	6	0

Lowest
Robbed of its stars, the Brazilian domestic game lacks the artistry which made the nation a world power in the 1960s and 1970s. The fans, faced with the prospect of dull games and expensive tickets, are increasingly staying at home.

Official statistics show the average attendance in this year's Copa Uniao, the national championship, fell to 10,409, the lowest since 1979 and less than half the 1987 average.

The silver medal won by Brazil at the Seoul Olympics was regarded as a disappointment by the fans who thought Brazil were favourites to win. "The silver that tastes of tin," said sports magazine Placar.

To make matters worse, the Olympic team's top goalscorer Romario joined European Cup

WORLD NO. 2 WINS 8TH TITLE OF THE YEAR

Navratilova beats Zvereva



Navratilova: took the crucial points

WORCESTER, Mass., Nov 7, (Reuters): Top seed Martina Navratilova, twice beaten by Natalia Zvereva this year, rallied to defeat the Soviet teenager and claim her eighth singles title of the year.

Navratilova held off a strong challenge from the sixth seed to carve out a 6-7 6-4 6-3 victory in the final of the \$300,000 New England tennis tournament.

Force
Despite losing her first serve to fall behind 0-2 in the opening set, the eighth-ranked Zvereva, 17, fought her way back to force a tiebreak.

Zvereva, who won a dramatic 12-10 tiebreak to beat third seed Chris Evert on Saturday, controlled this one with three passing shot winners and two crafty drop shots to win 7-4.

Navratilova continued to have difficulty with Zvereva's passing game and well-disguised drop shots, but the 32-year-old world number two attacked relentlessly to win the crucial points in the final two sets.

The two hour 19 minute match turned in Navratilova's favour when she held off a break point at 2-3 in the final set with a strong first serve that Zvereva returned into the net.

After holding to level the set 3-3, Navratilova captured Zvereva's serve to take the lead and buoyed by her momentum, the top seed rolled through the final two games.

"Considering everything, it may have been my best match of the year," said Navratilova, who collected \$60,000 for the victory. "I played well when I had to. I missed a few shots in the first set, and I shouldn't have. There is room for improvement, but overall I'm satisfied," she said.

Met
Zvereva, who earned \$20,000, had beaten Navratilova at the French Open in May and the Canadian Open the last time they met in August.

"I knew I could beat her. But she was playing good today, and I don't think that I played my best," Zvereva said.

Real Madrid stretch lead

MADRID, Nov 7, (Reuters): Spanish soccer giants Real Madrid stretched their lead at the top of the first division by a convincing 4-1 home win over Celta yesterday.

Barcelona, still looking unsettled after being edged out of the top spot by Real three weeks ago, stayed second but dropped two points behind with a lacklustre 0-0 draw away to Valladolid.

Slumped
Real's city rival Atletico Madrid saw a promising winning run under new British coach Ron Atkinson come to an end when they slumped to an unexpected 2-0 defeat at Osasuna.

Real were in fine fettle ahead of their European Cup second round return leg next week

against Poland's Gornik Zabrze in which they hold a one-goal first leg advantage.

They had few problems against Celta, who have not won in the Bernabeu stadium in 39 years. Martin Vazquez scored within seconds of the kick-off and Rafael Gordillo added the second with a fine left-foot drive in the 19th minute.

Celta's Amarildo Souza of Brazil escaped from Miguel Tendillo to slip in a goal for Celta in the 29th minute, but Hugo Sanchez slammed home a pass from Emilio Butragueno two minutes later and Manuel Sanchis picked up another fine pass from West German Bernd Schuster to make it 4-1 in the 65th minute.

Atletico Madrid, who had

delighted Atkinson by winning their last five matches, were surprised by an unexpectedly tough Osasuna.

Javier Ripodas scored from a corner in the 18th minute and Pizo Gomez made it 2-0 in the 70th. Osasuna goalkeeper Roberto Calavia saved a penalty, deflecting Paulo Futre's drive with the finger-tips.

Suffered
The unhappy defeat of the weekend was for Briton Howard Kendall's Athletic Bilbao, who suffered their fifth consecutive League defeat when they went down 1-0 to Basque rivals Real Sociedad on Saturday night.

Twenty-year-old substitute Mikel Loinaz headed the goal in the 79th minute.

Porto reduce gap at top

LISBON, Nov 7, (Reuters): Managerless Porto shrugged off their troubles yesterday to beat Leixoes 1-0 and move to within a point of Benfica at the top of the Portuguese Soccer First Division.

Porto, who face the near-impossible task of overhauling a 5-0 first-leg deficit against European Cup holders PSV Eindhoven on Wednesday, parted company with manager Joaquim Jesus 'Quimto' only a few hours before the Leixoes match.

A club statement said Quimto had resigned. But there was little doubt he had been given no alternative after a string of poor results by Porto's standards, topped by the rout in the Netherlands.

However an 85th minute pen-

alty by veteran Fernando Gomes helped raise the spirits of the 1987 European Cup winners and took them within striking distance of Benfica, held to a 0-0 home draw by lowly Beira Mar.

Benfica huffed and puffed against the Beira defence to no avail and will have to sharpen their finishing when they meet Liege in Lisbon on Wednesday in the second leg of their UEFA Cup tie. The Belgians are 2-1 up.

Sporting Lisbon spurned the chance to share the leadership when they went down 1-0 at Guimaraes for their first defeat of the season.

After 12 matches, Benfica lead with 19 points, followed by Porto (18) and Sporting (17). Setubal, who beat Viseu 1-0 away are fourth on 15 points.

Faria hits first goal for PSV

AMSTERDAM, Nov 7, (Reuters): Brazilian striker Romario de Souza Faria scored his first goal for PSV Eindhoven yesterday, thrusting his new team five points clear at the top of the Dutch Soccer League.

Faria, bought last month by the European Cup holders for \$2.8 million from Brazil's Vasco da Gama, showed his worth by firing the only goal of an otherwise disappointing match against Roda JC.

PSV's 1-0 win was their 10th in

13 games and extended the lead over second-placed FC Twente by a point, but they often looked vulnerable enough to suffer another upset to follow last Wednesday's surprise 2-0 defeat by Haarlem.

The two sides, both with their minds on this week's European matches, had an equal share of the ball in the first half but failed to convert their chances.

However, Faria seized the initiative by slamming home his goal in the 46th minute.

Gullit may miss European Cup clash

MILAN, Italy, Nov 7, (Reuters): Dutch star Ruud Gullit of AC Milan has pulled a thigh muscle and could miss Wednesday's vital European Cup soccer clash at Red Star Belgrade of Yugoslavia.

Gullit, who has yet to play a full match this season after suffering an ankle injury, scored the first goal in AC Milan's 2-1 win at Verona in the Italian League yesterday but limped off after 30 minutes.

Red Star held AC Milan 1-1 in the first leg of their second-round tie.

"We'll have to see how he responds but he will probably be out for a full week," manager Arrigo Sacchi said. "The injury is by no means serious but he has definitely strained a muscle and we shouldn't risk him."

Hoped
Gullit, European Footballer of the Year last season, said he still hoped to play on Wednesday.

"I'm not in any pain, it's just a bit uncomfortable. I still hope to make it in Belgrade. It's a very important match and I'm keen to play," he told reporters.

AC Milan's victory yesterday was their first since October 16 and Sacchi said they were now back on the form that won them the Italian championship last season.

Need

"People talk about violence in sport, violence in football. It's not really violence. It's that people are living in fear, in anguish... not knowing if today's money will be enough for tomorrow because inflation eats it up."

A month's minimum salary, which would buy 80 tickets for a game at the Maracana stadium in the early 1980s, now buys only 39 tickets.

The 200,000-capacity Maracana, the world's biggest stadium, is dilapidated and in need of major restoration, stadium engineer Paulo Fampa said earlier this year.

Violence is also increasing, particularly the number of fights between rival fans, and in one recent incident the 24-year-old leader of Palmeiras supporters' club was shot dead.

Pele, sensitive to the needs of the people as well as those of the sport, said he would be prepared to work as sports minister in a bid to help revive the ailing game.

The clubs also blame the CBF. A spokesman for Clube Dos 13, a group which represents Brazil's top teams, said: "The lack of credibility of the authorities is one of the main barriers to selling soccer to commercial sponsors."

Even Pele, Brazil's most famous player, has joined the growing chorus of critics. He said recently in a newspaper interview that the CBF officials had lost all credibility.

Last-minute decisions by the CBF over regulations for the Copa, including a ruling that drawn matches should be decided by penalties, aroused howls of protest.

Blame
A CBF decision to increase the number of teams in the cup to 24 from 16 in 1987 was also criticised by the clubs.

The CBF blames star players for the crisis, saying they are to blame because all they want is money.

Seven members of the current Brazilian squad play in Europe, many in Italy where the rewards for players are particularly attractive.

Indeed, Italy has become such a haven for Brazilian stars that one Brazilian television channel shows Italian soccer every weekend and newspapers print all the Italian results.

The exodus to Italy, however,

TENNIS

McEnroe misses the old days

ANTWERP, Belgium, Nov 7, (Reuters): Tennis has lacked personalities for the last few years according to John McEnroe, world number one from 1981 to 1984.

The volatile American, winner of yesterday's European Community Championship, reckons there were more characters around when he ruled the sport.

"The past always looks better and better the further away you get from it," he said.

"Tennis needs the personality very much. I hope players express themselves more in the next decade than in the last few years," he added.

McEnroe, struggling for the past two years to remain in the world's top 10 and currently ranked 14, still believes he could become better than he ever was.

"I feel I'm hitting the ball as well as I hit the ball a couple of years ago. Maybe by next year, I will hit the ball better than I ever hit the ball," he said, adding the next step would be to get mentally stronger again.

He confirmed he was now without a coach after parting company with his former doubles partner Peter Fleming.

But he wants a coach who can understand him. "That's difficult. It would be nice if I could find the right person, but it would be better to be alone than to be with the wrong person," he said.

Berger captures Sao Paulo title

SAO PAULO, Nov 7, (Reuters): Jay Berger of the United States took the \$130,000 Sao Paulo Open tennis title yesterday with a convincing 6-4 6-4 victory over Horacio de la Pena of Argentina.

De la Pena said he felt tired midway through the second set. "It's no excuse, but I had a tough match against (American) Dan Cassidy in Saturday's semifinal," he said.



Becker: warns that clay may suit him

Sweden lay clay for final against West Germany

STOCKHOLM, Nov 7, (Reuters): Sweden, tipped to win the Davis Cup for the sixth successive time, will lay their favourite clay court surface for the indoor final against West Germany next month, tennis officials said today.

Sweden has an abundance of top players, including world number one Mats Wilander and third-ranked Stefan Edberg, but they may need the advantage of a slow surface against West Germany's Boris Becker.

Crashed
The former Wimbledon champion and world number five won the Stockholm Open Grand Prix tournament yesterday after Edberg and Wilander had crashed out in the early rounds.

Installation of the clay court, the preferred surface of most Swedish players, will start early next month in the Scandinavium arena in the western port of Gothenburg where the Decem-

ber 16-18 tie will be held.

Sweden laid a clay court in the arena for their victorious Davis Cup finals against the United States in 1984 and India last year.

But Becker, who crushed unseeded Swede Peter Lundgren in the Stockholm final, warned that the surface might suit him now.

Better

"Indoor clay is much faster than outdoor clay," said Becker, adding that better ground-strokes had vastly improved his slow-surface game.

"Sweden is the favourite even if some of their players are off-form. But we have a much better team now than in the 1985 final in Munich. We are better in the doubles and have a better choice of players for the singles," he said.

Becker won both his singles on a fast indoor surface when West Germany lost 3-2 to Sweden in the 1985 final.

Al Unser Jr triumphs

MIAMI, Nov 7, (AP): Al Unser Jr ran away with yesterday's Nisan Indy challenge, winning the season-ending Indy-car race at Tamiami Park by nearly a full lap over Rick Mears.

Unser led 82 of the 112 laps in the 199.8-mile event, including the final 70 laps around the twisting road circuit.

It was his fourth victory of the season, moving Unser to second place behind series champion Danny Sullivan, in the final season standings. That was worth \$200,000 for the 26-year-old Unser, who now has eight career Indy-car victories, all of them on road courses.

Mears, the Indianapolis 500 winner, was second, 53.046 seconds behind the leader's Chevrolet-powered March.

Didier Theys of Belgium was third, one lap behind, followed another lap back by Kevin Cogan and four laps behind the leader, Sullivan and Bernard Jourdain of Mexico.

Sullivan, who started from the pole for the fifth straight race, appeared ready to turn into his own runaway in the early going.

Sullivan, who also won four seasons title, led from the start and built margins of as much as 11.75 seconds over second-place Mario Andretti before he suddenly dived into the pits at the end of lap 27.

It took his Penske racing crew six laps to repair a broken rear suspension and get him back into the race. Sullivan was one of the fastest cars the rest of the way, but was able to regain only two of his lost laps.

Unser, who also won this race in 1986, wrestled the lead from Andretti on lap 28 and that's the way it stayed until he pitted on lap 40, giving the lead back to Andretti.

Andretti had a 16-second lead at that point, but when he pitted, the four-time series champion had problems getting back up to speed. He came out second to Unser and, two laps later, parked the car with an apparent broken transmission.

Unser went unchallenged the rest of the way. He won 64.160 as he averaged 101.471 mile per hour in the race slowed by only one full-course caution period.

Michael Andretti, the defending champion and the winner of Saturday's \$730,000 Marlboro Challenge invitation race — worth \$225,000 — ran as high as fourth before a broken clutch ended his race on lap 25.

The high attrition rate in yesterday's race began almost immediately as the narrow first turn, a quick right-hander at the end of the main straightaway, took its toll for the second time in the four races on the 1.784-mile, nine-turn Tamiami Park circuit.

Jones wins New York marathon

NEW YORK, Nov 7, (Reuters): Steve Jones became the first British runner to win the New York marathon yesterday when he came home in a near-record time of two hours, eight minutes, and 20 seconds.

Norway's Grete Waitz became the first runner, male or female, to win the same marathon nine times when she captured the women's title in 2:28:06.

Jones, a 33-year-old Welshman, was only seven seconds off American Alberto Salazar's 1981 New York mark of 2:08:13, a world record at that time and still the fastest pace for the New York City marathon.

Jones, making his debut in the New York Classic, received \$26,385 for the win.

Setbacks

Italian Salvatore Bettiol was second in 2:11:41, well ahead of third place finisher John Tracy of Ireland, who clocked 2:13:18.

Among the women, Italian Laura Fogli was second behind the 35-year Norwegian Waitz in 2:31:26.

America's 1984 Olympic gold medalist, Joan Benoit Samuelson, overcame two major setbacks to still place third with a time of 2:32:40.

Samuelson was forced to stop at the 14-mile mark with knee problems, and then went crashing to the pavement just past mile 21 when she was accidentally tripped by a race volunteer, but picked herself up and carried on.

Sweden regain European team golf crown

BIARRITZ, France, Nov 7, (Reuters): Sweden regained the European Nations Team Golf Championship when they beat last year's winners Spain by seven strokes yesterday.

The Swedes, triumphant in the 1986 tournament, finished 18 under par on 810, with Ireland producing a five-below-par last day performance to share third place with England on 820.

Sweden started the day seven strokes clear and a level par showing was enough to preserve that margin, Mats Lanner shooting 68, Johan Rystrom 69 and Jesper Parnevik 70.

Settle
World Cup international Antonio Garrido had a 66 for Spain and young Ignacio Gervias shot 67. But Spain also had to settle for a level par score on the day, with Miguel Martin managing only a 74.

Ireland, inspired by their recent victory in the Dunhill Cup at St Andrews, produced the outstanding individual performer of the event — captain David Jones. He opened up eagle-birdie-birdie for a six-below-par 63 and, following rounds of 66 66 69, ended 12-under-par on 264.

It left him the clear winner of the individual title by five strokes from Rystrom (65, 66, 69), with Jimmy Heggarty, Garrido and Gervias next best on 272.

Switzerland

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SPORTS

CARIBBEAN SIDE SCORES FIRST WIN OF AUSTRALIAN TOUR

West Indies crush South Australia



Richards: took three wickets for 78

ADELAIDE, Nov 7, (Reuters): West Indies scored the first win of their Australian cricket tour, beating South Australia by an innings and 20 runs even though the state side managed a second innings total of 410.

Paul Nobes, a newcomer to the side, was South Australia's top scorer with 95 but, as always seemed likely, West Indies' first innings score of 593 for eight declared proved insurmountable.

South Australia, who made only 163 in their first innings, started the final day of the four-day match with some prospects of forcing a draw.

But having been 193 for one overnight, they were 298 for four at lunch and defeat was only a matter of time.

Fast bowler Winston Benjamin struck an important blow when he removed Andrew Hil-

ditch before the former Test opener had added to his 64. He had put on 113 for the second wicket with Nobes.

Captain David Hookes scored 47 runs in 54 minutes, including 10 fours and a six, before he fell to fast bowler Courtney Walsh and when Nobes departed 10 runs later, caught close in off-rounder Carl Hooper, West Indies were through the best of South Australia's batting.

For once it was the less venomous of the West Indian bowlers who did most of the damage, the off spin of Hooper, who took four for 163, and captain Viv Richards, with three for 78, undermining the South Australian second innings.

West Indies' win followed defeats in their opening two tour matches, one-day and four-day games against Western Australia in Perth.

Scoreboard
WEST INDIES first innings 593 for eight declared (G. Greenidge 213, V. Richards 136 P. Sleep four for 207)

SOUTH AUSTRALIA first innings 163

SOUTH AUSTRALIA second innings (overnight 193 for one)
A. Hilitch b Benjamin... 64
G. Bishop c Benjamin b Richards... 45
P. Nobes c Richardson b Hooper... 95
D. Hookes c Richards b Walsh... 47
W. Phillips c Richards b Hooper... 36
P. Sleep b Dujon b Hooper... 19
P. Anderson c Dujon b Richards... 6
P. Gladman c Walsh b Richards... 16
A. Zeers c Dujon b Ambrose... 25
C. Kilson c Benjamin b Hooper... 32
T. May not out... 7
Extras (b-9 nb-9)... 18
Total... 410

Fall of wickets: 1-812-1943-257-4-267-5-314-6-328-7-332-8-355-9-399
Bowling: Marshall 9-2-42-0 (1ab), Ambrose 12-4-42-1 (3ab), Hooper 51-6-163-4, Walsh 104-51-1 (4ab), Richards 25-2-78-3, Benjamin 7-3-25-1 (1ab).
West Indies won by an innings and 20 runs.



A referee (2nd right) being beaten after a South Korean lost a bout and refused to leave the ring.

Referees banned after Seoul Olympics row

WEST BERLIN, Nov 7, (Reuters): Three referees involved in a controversial decision at the Seoul Olympic boxing finals have been barred from officiating at fights pending a key meeting on the affair next year, a leading official said today.

Karl-Heinz Wehr, general secretary of the International Amateur Boxing Association (AIBA), said the officials who gave South Korean Park Si-Hun a surprise win over American Roy Jones in the Olympic light middleweight final had been banned until March.

AIBA chief plan a March meeting in Nairobi to look into the problems of the Seoul event. East German official Wehr told reporters during a visit here.

Jones seemed to have easily won the bout when the three officials Ugandan Bob Kasule, Alberto Duran of Uruguay and Moroccan Houad Larbi — gave a surprise victory to the South Korean.

US team officials made allegations of bribery afterwards which

South Korean organisers denied. The decision was the last of several controversies which marred the Olympic boxing competition. Earlier a riot broke out when a South Korean boxer lost a bout and refused to leave the ring.

Wehr said the AIBA would discuss the future organisation of Olympic boxing at a meeting in West Germany next month with International Olympic Committee (IOC) officials.

But the rules could not be changed officially until the next meeting of the AIBA congress in 1990, he said.

A report in the East German daily Deutsches Sportecho said the AIBA was compiling a list of referees and ring judges it wanted barred or suspended after Seoul.

The newspaper did not say when it was expected to be ready.

At a meeting in Strasbourg last week, AIBA also agreed to introduce next year new gloves which will absorb the power of punches better.

Kalambay set to fight Dewitt

MONTE CARLO, Nov 7, (Reuters): Italian middleweight Sumbu Kalambay pits his proven class against the raw strength of unpredictable American Doug Dewitt when he defends his World Boxing Association (WBA) title tomorrow night.

Kalambay, a Zaire native known to his adoptive fans as "Patrizio," has grown in stature as a fighter in the eight years since he settled in Italy.

Now 32, five years older than his opponent, Kalambay is at the height of his powers. He is a clean, technical boxer with a quick right hand.

Threatened
He took the vacant WBA crown last October with an easy points win over American Iran Barkley and has not looked threatened in his two defenses since.

In comparison, Dewitt, a New Yorker who turned professional at the age of 18, is a bruiser. His performances, always gutsy, can best be described as erratic.

Dewitt took Thomas "Hit Man" Hearns the distance in Detroit two years ago before losing on points. Although he numbers five defeats in 39 professional fights, he also has 18 knockouts to his credit.

"What I've got and he hasn't is punching power, strength and rough tactics. I'm a slick fighter and I'm going to prove it tomorrow night," Dewitt told journalists today at a news conference in this tiny Mediterranean principality.

"All I can say is I'm going to give it 110 per cent," he added. It may not be enough. Dewitt's best strategy would probably be to try and wear down the older man, corner him and hit as hard and as often as possible.

Neither man can take much punishment. But on appearances Kalambay knows better how to avoid it — Dewitt's flat nose spoke volumes about his career. Kalambay's features have remained unblemished through his 49-3-1 record.

His modesty — he refused to be drawn into a slanging match, saying only "may the best man win" — has also endeared him to his Italian supporters, out in force on the streets of Monte Carlo ahead of the fight.

Bigger
According to expert observers and fans alike, Kalambay is marking time with the defence against Dewitt, waiting for a bigger middleweight name to fight. If he wins tomorrow, he may get a shot at Michael Nunn, the International Boxing Federation (IBF) middleweight champion, in a big money unification fight in the United States. It would be his first time "Patrizio" had fought outside Europe.

Shield cricket

SYDNEY, Nov 7, (Reuters): Scores on the fourth and final day of Sheffield Shield cricket matches today.

In Sydney: Victoria 175 and 331 for seven declared (G. Watts 135, J. Siddons 63; G. Lawson three for 32, M. Whitney three for 31), New South Wales 173 and 312 for seven (M. Taylor 73, T. Bayliss 70; M. Osborne three for 67). Match drawn.

In Brisbane: Tasmania first innings 405, Queensland first innings 406 for seven (S. Law 179, A. Border 52; D. Gilbert three for 146). Match drawn.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Friday League

THE Al Mulla Mitsubishi Friday League matches, organised by the United Cricketers at Ahmadi, will commence from Friday onwards. Fixtures at the Oval: Nov 11, 9.00 am YMCA vs Morning Star (Al Mulla 2), 1.10 pm Starlite vs Capri (Union 2); Nov 25, 9.00 am Al Mulla vs Kookan (M. Star 2), 1.10 pm Kifto vs Siddiqui (YMCA 2).

Malhotra Trophy

KIFCO meet Unit at the New Ground on Friday at 9.00 am in a "Malhotra Trophy" semi-finals match, organised by the United Cricketers at Ahmadi. Umpires nominated are (2) from Kookan. In the afternoon, on the same ground, Falcon meet Bright Stars at 1.10 pm and umpires appointed are (1) from Siddiqui and (1) from Unity.

PBAC meeting

THE Philippine Bowlers Association in Kuwait (PBAC) will hold their third general meeting tomorrow at the 300 Club Silver Tower at 8.00 pm. For more details contact PBAC director Sara Macarimbang, Tel. 483447.

Non-racial body

LUSAKA, Nov 7, (Reuters): The African National Congress (ANC) urged South Africa's separate soccer organisations yesterday to work towards the creation of a single non-racial governing body for the sport.

Speedboat race

PARIS, Nov 7, (AP): Philippe Rebutel of France died during the six hour speedboat race on the Seine River yesterday when his boat collided with that of another participant, police said.

Checker 500

PHOENIX, Nov 7, (AP): Alan Kulwicki, a mechanical engineer who races for his own company, grabbed the lead with 16 laps to go yesterday when a blown radiator hose crippled Ricky Rudd's car and he held on to win the inaugural Checker 500.

Viral hepatitis

NAPLES, Italy, Nov 7, (UPI): A second player from Italian soccer club Napoli has been diagnosed as having viral hepatitis. Defender Tebaldo Bigliardi was sent to hospital by team doctor Emilio Accampora this week, but club medical staff say they don't expect to discover any more cases of the disease among players.

Grave errors

VIENNA, Nov 7, (UPI): The Austrian Football Association has admitted they made grave errors over ticket availability for last Wednesday's World Cup Group Three qualifier against Turkey. Lack of match attendance has reached chronic levels of late, with figures of less than 1,000 at League matches and some internationals drawing only 3,000 fans.

Drug abuse

LONDON, Nov 7, (Reuters): Yachting's governing body is to take action to combat the threat of drug abuse in the sport.

The International Yacht Racing Union (IYRU) is setting up a medical commission headed by Belgian Jacques Rogge, a specialist in sports medicine and a keen sailor.

BRIDGE

RESULTS of the Hubara Bridge Club games played on Saturday:

- N/S
1. Shorin & Tawil Ahmed
2. Parekh & Sagar
3. Gajjar & Aurora
E/W
1. Rasm & Khaddoura
2. Mrs Sagar & Desmond Perera
3. Tiab & Kaba

India overlook Amarnath for first Test

Wright slams N. Zone for century

FARIDABAD, India, Nov 7, (Reuters): The New Zealand cricketers raised their overnight score to a comfortable 389 for seven before declaring on the second day of their three-day match against India's North Zone today.

But their bowlers let the home side pile up 104 for three by the close, with K.P. Bhaskar not out 37 and Gursharan Singh on 24.

Tied

New Zealand captain John Wright's second consecutive century following his 104 against West Zone in the opening tour match, his 132-run fifth wicket stand with Ken Rutherford (59) and confident knocks by Chris Kuggeleijn (54 not out) and John Bracewell (50 not out) were the highlights of the touring side's innings.

Wright, 80 overnight, took three fours off Chetan Sharma's first over but was tied down on 99 for nearly half an hour before he got his century with an edged shot through slips.

He then opened up again and took 16 runs, including a six, from one over from Kirti Azad. He was 123 when he was caught by Pradeep Jain at midoff off Madan Lal.

The home team made a disastrous start when opener Manoj Prabhakar fell lbw to a fine inswinging bowler Danny Morrison with the score at eight.

Raman Lamba failed to add to his tea score of 25 before he fell before Kuggeleijn with the scoreboard showing 46. Only one more run had been added



Amarnath: not in squad for first Test

when Amarjeet Kaypee was caught by Tony Blair off Morrison for nought.

Scoreboard
NEW ZEALAND first innings (overnight 216 for four)
T. Franklin b Chetan Sharma... 40
J. Wright b Jain b Madan Lal... 123
A. Jones b Sharma... 15

R. Vance b Sharma... 0
M. Greenstock c Gursharan b Azad... 1
K. Rutherford lbw b Sharma... 59
C. Kuggeleijn not out... 54
T. Blair b Jain... 5
J. Bracewell not out... 50
Extras (b-2 lb-4 nb-23 w-9)... 42
Total (for 7 wickets declared)... 389
Fall of wickets: 1-852-1133-1154-1175-249-6-288-7-300.

East Germany ushers in new era

EAST BERLIN, Nov 7, (Reuters): East Germany has ushered in a new sporting era by naming a dynamic technocrat to replace Manfred Ewald, the man who devoted 40 years to turning an isolated communist state into an awesome sports superpower.

Ewald, 62, stepped down on medical advice at a meeting on Saturday of the powerful East German Sports Federation (DTSB) he had headed since May 1961.

Prowess
His deputy for the past two years, 49-year-old Klaus Eichler, took over as president of the DTSB, which holds the key to the country's sporting prowess.

"This marks the beginning of a new era for GDR (East German) sport," said one East German Communist Party source.

There is no suggestion East Germany needs radically to alter its formula for producing stars. The East Germans won 37 gold medals, 35 silvers and 30 bronzes at the Seoul Olympics — second only to the Soviet Union.

But East German sources said Eichler and two new men voted in as his deputies were likely to head a shake-up of the organisation, possibly adopting a less rigid approach on advertising, sponsorship and professionalism.

As a major sporting country with a population of 16.6 million and a shortage of hard currency,

East Germany could cash in far more on its world standing in sports.

Eichler ran the DTSB in Ewald's absence this year and has already given a taste of what he apparently has in mind.

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FIFA lift ban on Chile

ZURICH, Switzerland, Nov 7, (AP): Chile was readmitted today to international soccer competition after its national soccer association made a \$46,000 payment to end a player sale dispute, world soccer's governing body said.

FIFA, the international soccer federation, suspended Chile last Thursday to force it to pay compensation to Atlas of Guadalajara in Mexico in the dispute which involved Ivo Basay.

"After the National Association of Chile has paid the pending amount resulting from the transfer case Ivo Basay to FIFA has lifted the suspension on Chile," a FIFA statement said.

Senna fit to drive in Australian Grand Prix

LONDON, Nov 7, (Reuters): Ayrton Senna, Brazil's new world motor racing champion, will definitely drive in the Australian Grand Prix on Sunday despite injuring a wrist playing beach football.

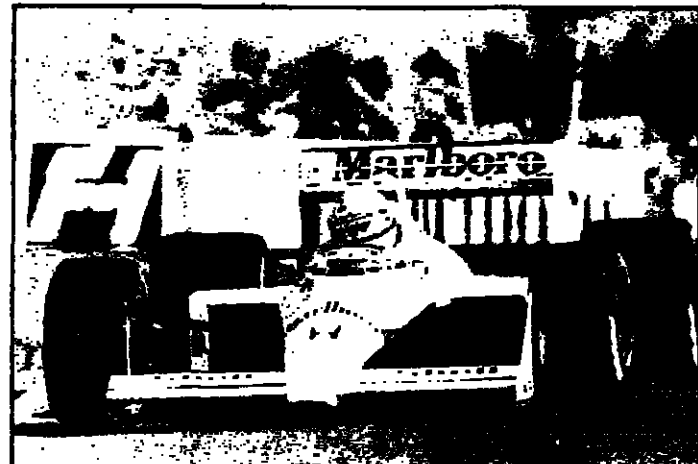
A spokesman for McLaren, Senna's team, said today the Brazilian received the injury while on holiday in Bali. He added that it was only a minor sprain and Senna would be fit for the race.

Brilliant

Although Senna clinched the 1988 Formula One championship with a brilliant drive to his eighth Grand Prix win of the year in the Japanese Grand Prix at Suzuka, the final race of the season in Adelaide, could almost be billed as a 'matter of honour' between the two Honda Marlboro McLaren rivals, Senna and France's Alain Prost.

With nothing to lose but their pride, this could be the best race of the season between the two Marlboro stars who have totally dominated this year's championship.

"It will be good to go to the last



Senna: aims to a lot more fun

race without the pressure of the championship on my shoulders. I will have a lot more fun and certainly not have to worry about anything else but the race itself," said Senna after his Japanese victory.

Beside him as he said it, Alain Prost wore a broad smile, no doubt also looking forward to their final duel of the season,

both of them now able to relax having put the Honda Marlboro team into the record books for 1988.

With 14 wins out of 15 races this season, and nine one-two finishes for the McLaren pair, a another win for the team in Australia is almost a foregone conclusion, although the constantly improving March Team could

pull out a surprise on the Adelaide street track.

Italy's brilliant Marlboro World Championship Team driver, Ivan Capelli had a superb drive in Japan and before engine failure he actually took the lead briefly. The normally aspirated March-Judd chassis will be much better suited to the Australian track than it was to the Suzuka circuit.

"Although I was disappointed to have retired in Japan, I was still happy to have been so competitive. I think it should be even better for us in Australia and a win is even possible if everything goes well," said Capelli, who has already finished a close second to Prost in Portugal this year.

Last year's winner in Australia, Gerhard Berger, will also be keen to defend his 1987 success and the Austrian remains the only man to have beaten the McLaren duo this season when he won in Monza, finishing ahead of his Italian team-mate Michele Alboreto.

"The Ferrari chassis was the best it has been in Japan, but the engine was not good enough to

win there. Fuel consumption and power will not be so critical in Adelaide, so I hope to be able to give the McLarens a better fight," says Berger.

Adelaide staged its first Grand Prix in 1985 as a result of an enterprising move by the South Australian premier, John Bannon, who was determined to put his state on the map.

Today the venue is acknowledged as one of the best street circuits in the calendar while the warm climate and tremendously enthusiastic and hospitable welcome by the organisers make this a popular end of season event.

Sensitive

The weather could play an important role as the turbo engines are less sensitive to hot conditions than the normally aspirated ones, so it is cool this, the last race for the dominating turbocharged cars before the new regulations in 1989, could be a tough battle against the normally-aspirated machines.

The race will be run over 82 laps of the 2.348 miles/3.779 kms circuit making a race distance of 192.536 miles/309.878 kms.



A competitor tests his skills.

Test your rally driving skills

ROTHMANS in conjunction with the KT Club, offers you an opportunity to test your rally driving skills on a simulator located in the car park of Sultan Center's Salmiya branch.

The simulator houses a replica of the Rothmans Audi Quattro, driven by Saeed Al Hajri in this year's Middle East Rally Championships.

Tickets are distributed to would-be drivers and approximately 40 people contest for the

winning score each night. The simulator is at the Sultan Center until November 10 everyday from 6 pm onwards.

Anyone can take advantage of this exhilarating experience to test their rally driving skills on the computerised driving unit.

Certificates will be awarded to competitors and prizes to the winners. The 'winner of the day' gets a Rothmans rally jacket. Winners will then compete for three prizes on the final day.

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